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Show of solidarity: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with sister Priyanka and other Opposition leaders in Srinagar. NISSAR AHMAD

Modi, Shah cannot understand pain of violence, says Rahul

Peerzada Ashiq
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SRINAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval cannot understand the pain inflicted by violence, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said in Srinagar on Monday, at the conclusion of the 135-day Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Recounting incidents from the past, when violence consumed the lives of his grandmother Indira Gandhi and father Rajiv Gandhi, Mr. Gandhi said, "Those who stoke violence won't understand the pain it inflicts, nor will those who have not suffered it. PM Modi, Amit Shah and Ajit Doval can't understand the pain inflicted by violence but I can relate to the families of the Pulwama attack victims, with the hundreds of families of Kashmiris and of the security forces." He said one of the goals of the yatra was to put an end to violence.

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Adani reply ignores every key question: Hindenburg

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

U.S.-based Hindenburg Research fired a fresh salvo at the Adani Group late on Sunday, terming the energy-to-ports conglomerate's 413-page reply to its detailed report alleging fraud as a "bloated response that ignores every key allegation we raised".

Responding to the Adani Group's charge that the report was a "calculated attack on India", Hindenburg asserted that it was the Indian group that had "tried to lead the focus away from substantive issues and instead stoked a nationalist narrative...[and] attempted to conflate its meteoric rise and the wealth of its chairman, Gautam Adani, with the success of India itself".

India, it said, was "an emerging superpower with an exciting future," which, it argued, was being held back by the Adani Group.

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Opposition seeks answers on Adani 'stock fudge'

At multi-party meeting, they demand a reply from government in Parliament, considering the high exposure of State Bank of India and Life Insurance Corporation to the group's shares

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Opposition parties on Monday raised demands for debates during the Budget Session of Parliament on alleged stock manipulation and tax evasion by the Adani Group, and the attack on the federal structure of the country by Governors of non-BJP-ruled States.

Participating in a multi-party meeting on the eve of the session, the Aam Aadmi Party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the Communist Party of India demanded reply from the government on allegations made by U.S.-based short-seller Hindenburg Research, considering the high exposure of the State Bank of India and the Life Insurance Corporation of India to the Adani Group.

Setting the agenda: Union Ministers and political leaders at a multi-party meeting in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

The Trinamool Congress was the only leading Opposition party not to demand a debate on the Hindenburg report. It, instead, emphasised the need for a debate on the "dismantling of cooperative federalism". A total of 37 leaders from 27 political parties attended the meeting. No representative from the Congress was present on account of the finale of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar.

No objection: Joshi

Without giving a conclusive assurance on whether a debate on the Hindenburg report would be held, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad Joshi told presspersons, "We have no objection to discuss any issue under the rules and procedures as permitted by the Chair." Mr. Joshi sought the Opposition's cooperation in running the House.

AAP leader Sanjay Singh said a debate on the issue was essential to settle the growing worry of several crore LIC investors.

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Exposure under 1%: LIC

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Monday said its exposure to the Adani Group was less than 1% of the total assets under management (AUM) at book value.

"With the total AUM at more than ₹41.66 lakh crore as on September 30, 2022, the exposure in the Adani Group, as on date, is 0.975% of the AUM at book value," it said in a statement. PAGE 12

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'Shivakumar is key conspirator in CD case'

HUBBALLI

BJP leader Ramesh Jarkiholi has accused KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar of hatching the sex CD conspiracy against him. The release of the controversial CD had forced him to resign from ministership back in March 2021. » PAGE 8

₹1.97 cr. revenue from Republic Day flower show

BENGALURU

Designed around the theme of 'History of Bengaluru', this year's Republic Day flower show in Lalbagh Botanical Garden concluded on Monday with a record revenue of ₹1.97 crore. This is the highest seen for Republic Day flower shows along with the footfall of 3.3 lakh, said to be among the highest footfall ever. » PAGE 4

Boeing to open second largest campus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Boeing India said it would open its new and second largest campus outside of its global headquarters in Virginia, at Aerospace Park in Devanahalli, near Kempegowda International Airport, by the end of 2023.

The company said Monday it had invested over $200 million to build the campus on 43 acres of land on the city's outskirts.

The new facility would house various labs, testing infrastructure, and part of R&D operations said Aarti Singh, Senior Director, IT and DA and CIO Boeing India while addressing a media conference.

61 killed in suicide attack at Pakistan mosque

Press Trust of India
PESHAWAR

A Taliban suicide bomber blew himself up in a mosque packed with worshippers during afternoon prayers on Monday in the high-security zone in Pakistan's restive northwestern Peshawar city, killing 61 people and wounding more than 150, mostly policemen, officials said.

The blast occurred inside the mosque in the Police Lines area around 1.40 p.m.

The bomber was present in the front row of worshippers, officials said.

Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar, Muhammad Ijaz Khan said 61 people were killed in the blast. He said 300 to 400 police officials were present in the area at the time of the blast.

Search for survivors: Security officials inspecting the site of the blast in Peshawar on Monday. AFP

Lady Reading Hospital officials said more than 150 people were injured.

The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), known as the Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the suicide attack, saying it was part of a revenge attack for slain TTP 'commander' Umar Khalid Khurasani, who was killed in Afghanistan in August.

A police official said that a portion of the mosque collapsed and several people were believed to be under the debris.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Army chief General Asim Munir dashed to Peshawar to review the relief and rescue operations.

"Terrorists want to create fear by targeting those who perform the duty of defending Pakistan," Mr. Sharif said and vowed that the sacrifices of the blast victims would not go in vain. "The entire nation is standing united against the menace of terrorism."

The Prime Minister added that a comprehensive strategy would be adopted to counter the deteriorating law and order situation in the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the federal government would help provinces in increasing their anti-terrorism capacity.

Gujarat court convicts Asaram Bapu of rape; sentence likely today

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Years after a former disciple accused Asaram Bapu of rape during her stay in his ashram at Motera, a court in Gandhinagar on Monday convicted the self-styled godman. The court is likely to pronounce the sentence on Tuesday.

"The court convicted Asaram Bapu under Sections 376(2)(C) (rape), 377 (unnatural offences), 342 (wrongful detention), 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 357 (assault) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code," special public prosecutor R.C. Kodekar said. "The court also accepted the argument that the victim faced criminal intimidation – a reason for the delay in the filing of the FIR," he said.

Sessions judge D.K. Soni acquitted six others, including Asaram's wife and daughter, for want of evidence. They were accused of aiding and abetting the crime. The 81-year-old godman is currently serving a life sentence in a Jodhpur jail for raping a minor girl at his ashram in Rajasthan in 2013.

Two teenagers drown in private swimming pool in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two boys, both aged 13 years, drowned in a private swimming pool in J.P. Nagar 7th phase on Monday afternoon. The children have been identified as Mohan and Jayanth, residents of Jaraganahalli, studying in class 7 at a nearby government school. They had skipped school on Monday and decided to go swimming instead.

The duo reached the pool around 3 p.m. and paid ₹100 to get inside. The coach, identified as Moin, allowed them in but was not around when the boys ventured into the pool.

The swimming pool in Bengaluru where two children drowned on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

They got into one end of the pool that is only three feet deep but slowly inched towards the deeper end without realizing the depth. Since they did not know swimming, both drowned, the police said.

The incident came to light when Moin returned to the pool and found their bodies floating. He alerted the owner of the building, identified as Shekhar, who in turn informed the police.

The Konanakunte police reached the spot and had a tough time ascertaining the identity of the two boys. After four hours of door-to-door search, the police managed to trace the family members. Mohan's father, Panduranga, a daily wage labourer, filed a complaint against the pool management. The police arrested the coach and the owner of the building, charging them with causing death due to negligence, poor maintenance, and not having any safety precautions. Neither the boys were given any instructions while entering the premises nor the instructor was around when the incident occurred, a senior police officer said.

Channels can stagger content of 'national importance' across programmes: Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The content need not be of 30 minutes at a stretch. It could be spread over smaller time slots, says govt.

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry on Monday clarified that topics of national importance and social relevance embedded in programmes broadcast by private TV channels would qualify for their obligation under the "Guidelines for uplinking and downlinking of television channels in India, 2022" to telecast such contents for 30 minutes daily.

"Broadcasters have the liberty to modulate their content. The relevant content embedded in the programmes may be accounted for public service broadcasting. However, it should be done in a manner that the overall objective of the public service broadcasting may be achieved," the Ministry said in a fresh advisory.

The Ministry issued the guidelines on November 9 last year.

Following consultations with the stakeholders, it has now come up with the advisory.

It said the content could include the themes of education and spread of literacy, agriculture and rural development, health and family welfare, science and technology, welfare of women and the weaker sections of society, protection of environment and cultural heritage, and national integration.

Stating that the advisory sought to achieve the objective of public service broadcasting by private TV channels through voluntary compliance and self-certification, the Ministry said the list was indicative and could be extended to include similar subjects.

The content can be shared between the broadcasters and telecast repeatedly on one or several TV channels. A common e-platform can also be developed as a repository of relevant videos or textual content from various sources for access and use.

"The content need not be of 30 minutes at a stretch. It could be spread over smaller time slots. The time for which the public service broadcasting content is telecast in between commercial breaks shall not be accounted for the 12-minute limit for commercial breaks. The time for the content ... shall be accounted cumulatively on monthly basis i.e. 15 hours per month," the Ministry said.

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PNB reported a 44% decline in standalone net profit in Q3

70 In billion rupees, the exposure Punjab National Bank (PNB) has in Adani Group, according to CEO Atul Kumar Goel. However, the bank is keeping a "close eye" on the developments pertaining to the news flow around Hindenburg's report, Mr. Goel said. PNB also reported a 44% decline in standalone net profit in the third quarter that ended in December. Agencies

German economy shrinks in Q4, fuelling recession fears

0.2 The percentage by which Germany's economy contracted in the October to December period compared to the previous quarter due to the fallout from the war in Ukraine, adding to worries it could be on the brink of recession. Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and its subsequent move to slash crucial gas supplies, triggered an energy crisis in Germany. AFP

Deaths due to man-elephant conflicts rise in Jharkand

133 The number of people who have died due to man-elephant conflicts in Jharkhand in the last fiscal, a steep climb from 84 the year before. Shrinking animal habitats and fast-vanishing corridors amid rampant construction activities have spiked the conflicts in the State. A total of 462 people have died in a span of five years since 2017. PTI

Shares of Adani Transmission decline over three days

41 The percentage by which shares of Adani Transmission have tumbled since Tuesday's close last week. Adani Total Gas tanked 39.57%, Adani Green Energy declined 37.55% and Adani Ports fell 23.75% on the BSE. Shares of Adani group firms have faced heavy drubbing after U.S.-based short seller Hindenburg Research made damaging allegations against the conglomerate. PTI

Philips to slash jobs after massive recall of sleep devices

6,000 The number of jobs Dutch medical tech maker Philips will slash worldwide in a bid to restore profitability after a massive recall of faulty sleep respirators. The fresh layoffs come just months after Philips announced the loss of 4,000 posts. AFP

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The recent wave of tech layoffs

Why are tech companies letting go of thousands of employees? How will these layoffs affect Indian tech professionals? Why did Big Tech companies go on a hiring spree during the pandemic? Are these layoffs affecting the larger U.S. labour market?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

The New York-headquartered International Business Machines Corp. (IBM) became the latest to join the list of tech companies that have made large-scale layoffs since late 2022. The company said it would be laying off about 3,900 employees. This comes on the heels of what has been described as Big Tech's "midlife crisis" or the clock striking "midnight" on its hyper-growth; technology giants Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, and Microsoft have announced the slashing of thousands from their workforce in the last couple of months.

Who has made layoffs?

In 2022, the tech sector shed more than 1,50,000 employees, with several more job cuts (over 40,000) being announced since the start of the new year. Four of the biggest tech companies in the U.S.– Google-parent Alphabet, Amazon, Microsoft, and Facebook-owner Meta accounted for 51,000 of the total tech layoffs announced in the last few months. According to consulting firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., tech sector layoffs in 2022 were up 649% compared to the previous year.

Facebook-owner Meta Platforms Inc. announced in November last year that it cut more than 11,000 jobs or 13% of its workforce. The mass layoffs were the first of their kind in Meta's 18 years of operation.

The Bill Gates-founded tech corporation, Microsoft headquartered in Washington announced that it would cut 10,000 jobs or less than 5% of its headcount by March 2023, taking a $1.2 billion charge to its earnings.

Likewise, in early January, e-commerce, cloud computing, and streaming giant Amazon and America's second-largest private employer after Walmart, said it would cut 18,000 jobs or 6% of its workforce in company-wide layoffs.

Alphabet, the parent company of Google, said on January 20 in a staff memo by boss Sundar Pichai, that it would be cutting 12,000 jobs or 6% of its workforce.

Similarly, music streaming platform Spotify's CEO Daniel Ek disclosed in an all-staff memo that the company would cut 6% of its global workforce, laying off approximately 600 people.

San Francisco-headquartered tech company Salesforce announced on January 4 that it was laying off 10% of its jobs and closing down some offices.

Following Tesla CEO Elon Musk's $44 billion takeover, social media company Twitter Inc. made aggressive job cuts, laying off half of its workforce or about 3,700 employees in various departments like communications, content curation, product, and engineering.

Additionally, networking and collaboration solutions firm Cisco said in November that it would lay off 5% of its workforce as part of a restructuring. Computer maker HP also said it would cut up to 6,000 jobs by the end of the fiscal year 2025.

Do they affect Indian professionals?

As per some industry insiders, between 30% to 40% of those laid off are Indian IT professionals, a significant number of whom are on H-1B and L1 visas. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows U.S. companies to employ foreign workers in special occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China. A sizeable number of them are now scrambling for options to stay in the U.S. in order to find a new job before their work visas expire.

How huge are these Big Tech layoffs?

The advent of the coronavirus pandemic brought along rapid growth for the tech sector as work became increasingly remote, e-commerce grew amid lockdowns across the world, and housebound people spent more and more time online. Riding on the accelerating growth, Big Tech companies and even some small ones went on a hiring spree from the start of the pandemic.

Case in point are four of America's biggest technology companies. Amazon's headcount increased from 7,98,000 in 2019 to a whopping 15,44,000 in 2022, before the recent layoffs, doubling its employee base. During the same period, Microsoft went from 1,44,000 employees to 2,21,000. Sundar Pichai-headed Google parent Alphabet went from a headcount of 1,18,899 to 1,86,779. Mark Zuckerberg's Meta, meanwhile, more than doubled its headcount, from close to 45,000 to over 87,000.

Analysts are near-unanimous in saying that big tech companies are "rightsizing" their growth, instead of downsizing, as pointed out to *NPR* by Columbia Business School professor Daniel Klum. An analysis by *The Washington Post* notes that tech companies who hired aggressively in the pandemic, probably envisioning rapid growth to be the "new normal", are now trying to shrink headcounts back to where they would have been if not for the hyper-growth offered by the pandemic. This was evident in the introspective notes struck by company CEOs while announcing layoffs, with a lot of them admitting that they might have over-hired. Apple, which hired modestly in the last couple of years, remains an outlier, and has held off on job cuts so far.

Twitter, meanwhile, saw layoffs in the aftermath of Mr. Musk's turbulent takeover, who was certain that the platform could run without half of its earlier workforce.

Meta CEO, Mr. Zuckerberg who doubled his workforce in the pandemic years, for instance, said he was wrong to assess that revenue gains during that period were "permanent acceleration". He said in a message to employees: "Not only has online commerce returned to prior trends, but the macroeconomic downturn, increased competition, and ads signal loss have caused our revenue to be much lower than I'd expected. I got this wrong, and I take responsibility for that."

Similarly, Alphabet and Google CEO Sundar Pichai said on January 20, "Over the past two years we've seen periods of dramatic growth. To match and fuel that growth, we hired for a different economic reality than the one we face today". Amazon CEO Andy Jassy said in a public staff note on January 5, that this time around, annual planning had "been more difficult given the uncertain economy and that we've hired rapidly over the last several years". Notably, despite the layoffs being larger in number, *The New York Times* pointed out how they only reverse a fraction of the pandemic hiring by these companies. A *Reuters* analysis showed that even if all tech firms were to cut 5% of their workforce, tech employment would still be at 4.2 million (nearly 5% larger than it was at the end of 2019).

Do the layoffs signify trouble for the tech industry?

Growth has indeed slowed down from pandemic levels, as pointed out by the CEOs. Analysts also project that the five Big Tech companies, including Apple, are headed to report dismal profits for the October to December (2022) period. A *Reuters* analysis states that Amazon is expected to report that earnings fell 38% and that revenue growth is at its slowest pace in more than 22 years. Meta, meanwhile, could take a steep 42% plunge in profits. Nonetheless, these tech companies, still remain huge and profitable. Microsoft reported a more than $16 billion profit in the quarter ending December 2022, compared to a profit of about $11.6 billion in the same period in 2019. Meta, while reporting a 52% decline from a year earlier, earned a profit of $4.4 billion in the quarter ending September 2022.

Besides, analysts like Sam Abuelsamid of Guidehouse Insights, told *NPR* that the job cuts are a form of belt-tightening "meant to send a message to shareholders at a time when tech companies have seen their stock prices plunge". Alphabet's shares, for instance, had fallen 30% in the past 12 months, in the backdrop of an overall 24% slump in the larger tech industry. Abuelsamid said the firms were showing investors that they are "being prudent', and want to come back to a growth path after overzealous spending. This was reflected in Mr. Pichai's remarks that it was time for the company to "sharpen its focus", reengineer its cost base and direct talent and capital to its "highest priorities". Meta is also looking to rein in costs after its metaverse investments failed to gather steam.

Moreover, these companies have also made significant investments in the recent past, especially in Artificial Intelligence-driven tech. For instance, while cloud revenues have seen a dip, Microsoft is eying an extension to its $1-billion stake in OpenAI, the startup behind the viral new chatbot ChatGPT. It also looking to acquire video game firm Activision Blizzard, which would then bring along a 10,000-strong workforce. Smaller startups, meanwhile, who also capitalised on the pandemic digital boom, are trying to rein in costs while facing reluctance from venture capitalists to bet on their projects.

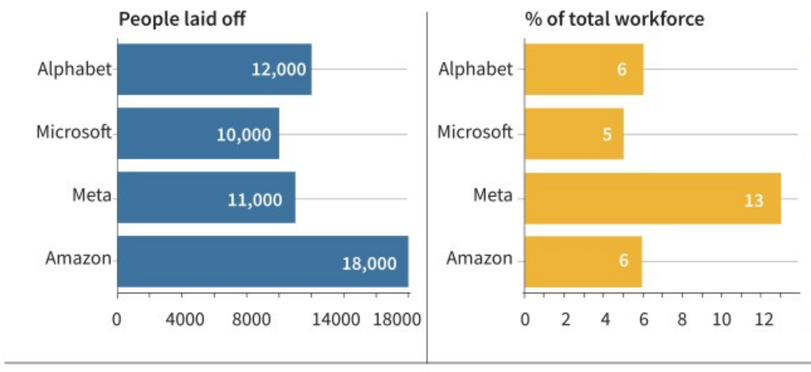
What do the layoffs say about the larger U.S. job market?

Notably, while the tech sector is seeing job cuts, labour department data shows the larger U.S. job market is still robust, with the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits falling. Economist Jennifer Lee told *Bloomberg* that the tech layoffs are not a "bellwether of the entire labour market". Analysts point out that tech companies represent about 2% of all employment in the country, compared to larger sectors which are still hiring. The labour market has remained resilient despite the Fed's aggressive measures to bring down inflation.

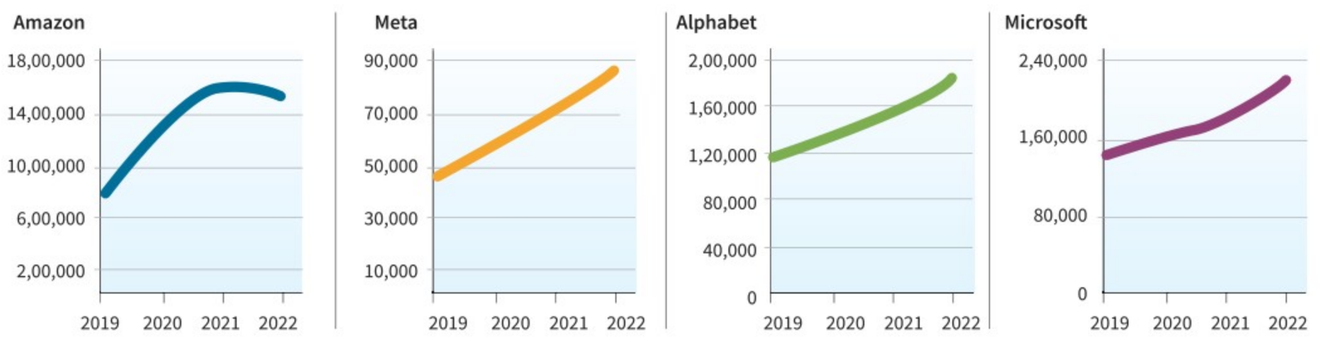
Hiring and firing in Big Tech

During the pandemic, as remote work became the norm, people's presence online grew exponentially. Tech companies, envisioning this rapid growth to be the "new normal", hired aggressively in this period. A lot of them have now admitted they over-hired which has led to massive layoffs across the sector

Graph 1 | The number of people laid off with respect to the total workforce of the company



Graph 2 | Hiring trend in Big Tech companies during the pandemic years



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- The advent of the coronavirus pandemic brought along rapid growth for the tech sector as work became increasingly remote, e-commerce grew amid lockdowns and housebound people spent more and more time online. Riding on the accelerating growth, Big Tech companies and even some small ones went on a hiring spree from the start of the pandemic. This growth has since slowed down, as pointed out by the CEOs.

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ABSTRACT

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Are wealthy individuals reporting their income and accurately filing their taxes?

According to a recent Oxfam report, the richest 1% in India own more than 40% of the country's total wealth. While progressive taxation is one of the ways to solve this, underreporting of income among the rich stands as an obstacle

G. Sampath

Singh, Ram, 'Do the Wealthy Underreport their Income? Using General Election Filings to Study the Income-Wealth Relationship in India', World Inequality Lab Working Paper No. 2023/01, January 2023

Growing economic inequality is a major concern in most developing countries and India is no exception. According to Oxfam, the richest 1% in India own more than 40% of the country's total wealth while the bottom 50% share just 3% of it. One of the proven ways to alleviate economic inequality – which has been associated with a number of social and political ills – is progressive taxation, where the greater your income, the higher the rate of taxation. This approach would enable some form of redistribution to the poorer sections through state-funded welfare schemes and investments in social infrastructure, which is key to reducing inequality. However, for this approach to work, reported incomes need to be accurate. Otherwise a progressive tax regime on paper may not prove to be so in practice. For instance, what if a major chunk of an individual income never gets reported? It would never get taxed. Therefore, income reporting behaviour is a central issue in public finance.

The extent of inequality

This research paper by Ram Singh models the relationship between wealth and reported income for individuals from different economic strata. For the first time, affidavits filed by contestants for elections to the Lok Sabha have been used for such a study. They provide income and wealth data for a large number of Indians – 7,596 households (HH) and their adult members. The dataset is surprisingly inclusive, with incomes ranging from ₹178 to as high as ₹206 crore. Singh supplements this data with the Forbes' List (FL) of billionaires, and statistics published by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). Taken together, they cover the full range of India's wealth and income distributions, as well as regional and rural-urban population distribution.

The paper's key finding, which has implications for public finance, inequality studies, and taxation design, is that the wealthier the individual or family, the lesser is the reported income relative to wealth. Specifically, the study found that "a 1% increase in family wealth is associated with a decrease of more than 0.5% in the reported income as a ratio of wealth." While it is not unexpected that the income to wealth ratio would decrease as one goes up the wealth ladder – poor people, by definition, hold few assets – the steep decline in the income-wealth ratios of the affluent, and how that, in turn, leads to a smaller and smaller tax liability for the super-wealthy, points to major lacunae in the tax regime. It also suggests that economic inequality in India – extreme though it is – is still an underestimation.

For instance, the study found that "the total income reported by the bottom 10% of the families "amounted to more than 188% of their wealth" whereas, in contrast, the wealthiest 5% and 0.1% of families reported incomes that were just 4% and 2% respectively of their wealth. For the wealthiest Indian families from the Forbes List, their total reported income was on average less than 0.6% of their wealth. Also, the total income-wealth ratios reported by the wealthiest 20% were less than a third of the national average. For the wealthiest 0.1%, it was just 12% of the national average. For families on the Forbes List, it is one-twentieth of the national average.

Capital gains

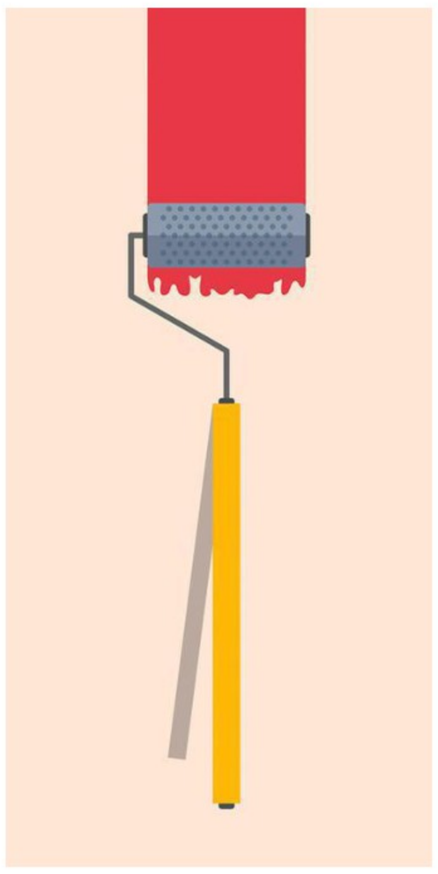
As the author notes, "even considering the average returns on capital, incomes reported by wealthy groups are far below the expected levels." Are the wealthiest earning so little? Or are they just living off their wealth? Or is possible that their income somehow goes 'missing' from tax records? Singh's paper shows that a big chunk of the wealthier families' income does tend to go 'missing', and it's typically a form of income called capital gains, or income earned from the appreciation of any asset. The study finds that the total income reported by the wealthiest 0.1% of families is only about a fifth of the returns from their capital, and "at least 80% of their capital income goes unreported in the income tax returns". This is an enormous amount since the richer a person, greater is the share of capital income in their total income. In other words, the richer a person is, greater is the share of unreported income. So, how does so much of capital income disappear from reported incomes?

The paper explains that wealthier groups "hold most of their wealth as equity, non-agricultural land, and commercial properties. This class of assets enables owners to manipulate the split of the capital income between what is required to be reported and what can go legally unreported." The enabling accounting feature here is that under Indian tax law, capital gains from an asset are treated as 'unrealised' unless they are exchanged or sold. Capital gains "are thus neither taxable nor required to be reported in the ITRs. This means that as long as an investment is not sold out, it is not a tax liability regardless of the quantum of appreciation in the asset's value on account of the unrealised capital gains." In fact, even when the asset is eventually sold, the effective tax rate on the cumulative capital gain is much lower than other forms of realised income. Hence, to reduce their tax liability, the wealthy tend to avoid realising capital gains. They do so by staying invested in equity and commercial properties.

The Indian tax regime

The paper also explains how the wealthy manipulate other forms of capital income, such as dividends (the profits distributed to shareholders). Here a common tactic is to reinvest the profits, as it helps to not only avoid any additional tax but also boosts the market value of company stocks. "Eyeing these gains, wealthy groups want to reinvest most of their profits into group companies by keeping their dividend pay-outs as low as possible....such manipulations of capital income in response to the dividend tax are an international phenomenon." Of course, this is not to suggest that only the wealthy underreport their income. This behaviour is seen in every stratum. For instance, the report finds that "people across wealth groups report a part of the taxable labour income as agricultural income to avoid paying tax", which may explain why some individuals develop a sudden interest in farming after attaining success and wealth. The paper points out that the Indian tax regime, which seems progressive "in that the marginal tax rate ....increases with the reported income" is actually regressive when evaluated against total income of the wealthiest rather than their reported income. For it to become truly progressive, "the taxable income reported by the wealthiest 0.1% has to go up by at least 60%."

One final implication of this study is regarding inequality estimation. Most estimates rely on taxable income reported in ITRs. But since the total income is always more than the reported taxable income, and the gap between the two grows wider for wealthier groups, the paper underscores "a staggering level of difference between the income metrics that feed into existing studies on inequality and the actual income of the most prosperous Indians." Put simply, income inequality in India is worse than most estimates, and the effective tax rate, which is not really progressive with regard to income, is even less so with regard to wealth. The study concludes by noting that for India's tax regime to be truly progressive, it needs to be reengineered so that it can bring into the tax net the enormous amounts of capital income that currently tends to go 'missing' from the reported incomes of the affluent.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Some readers want to know the difference between 'meal' and 'meals'."

"A meal is what you take at a particular time.

Could you come and have a meal with me next Sunday?

Supper is the last meal of the day. A square meal is a full meal. 'Meal time' is the usual time for a meal. You take one meal at a time, you don't say "I am taking my meals now. Please ring me back later'. But you can say 'I take my meals in this hotel. I had two meals with him!'

When your mouth is covered with food, you can't speak freely. 'Mealy-mouthed' is used as an idiom. A person who is mealy-mouthed is unwilling to express his views plainly or directly out of fear of offending the listener. He is afraid and doesn't want to speak out.

I don't believe in going to mealy-mouthed persons for advice.

A meal ticket is a ticket that entitles one to get meals at a discount in a specified restaurant. 'Meal ticket' is also used as an idiom. A meal ticket is a person on whose income another depends. He is unemployed.

His wife, is his meal ticket at the moment.

'To make a meal of something' is to do something laboriously. 'Meal' originally meant time. At a particular time our stomach sends signals for food!"

"Mr. Manoj Kumar Jain of Madras wants to know the meaning of 'My goodness'."

" 'Goodness' is used in expressions of surprise and annoyance.

My goodness! You are here.

For goodness' sake, get out of here.

Thank goodness! you have come.

I wish to goodness that he would study' means 'I wish strongly that he would study'. 'Goodness knows where he is' means 'I do not know where he is'. 'Goodness knows I have done my best' means 'God knows I have done my best'. Here you appeal to God as your witness!"

"Mr. K. Rama Mohan of Hyderabad wants to know whether 'broken English' means bad English or English spoken with pauses."

"Broken English" is imperfect English. It is grammatically imperfect. However, you can make yourself understood through broken English.

Unemployment bad, bad. I apply, apply. No reply. Some today apply, tomorrow reply. Lucky. What to do?"

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Here is a quiz on interesting nuggets, historic facts and everything else that happened on January 31

Abhinaya. K.

QUESTION 1

This black comedy thriller which premiered at Cannes was released in India on this day in 2020. The movie went on to achieve the rare feat of winning both the Palme d'Or and the Academy award for Best Picture. Name the movie and its director.

QUESTION 2

Guy Fawkes, a British soldier and a conspirator in the gunpowder plot was executed in London on this day in 1606. The events happened under the rule of King James 1. What is the gunpowder plot?

QUESTION 3

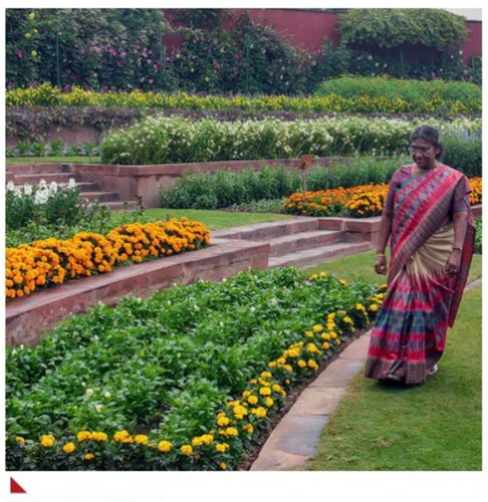
The trademark for this internationally renowned soft-drink brand was registered in the United States Patent Office on this day. The company began operating in India in 1956. Name the company.

QUESTION 4

On this day in 1999, India and Pakistan played a Test match which ultimately resulted in heart break for the former. The match is remembered for Sachin Tendulkar's magnificent 136 and the sporting spirit of the crowd which gave the winning team a standing ovation. Where was the match held?

QUESTION 5

This actress, who celebrates her birthday on this day, made her debut in a Mani Ratnam film. She has acted in two Telugu movies — *Premante Idera* and *Raja Kumarudu*. Who is the actress?



Visual question:

This iconic garden which was recently rechristened will be open for the public on January 31. Name the old and the new name of the garden. PTI

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The contribution of Raoul Follereau to leprosy awareness. **Ans: Established World Leprosy Day in 1954**

2. The reason why World Leprosy Day is observed on January 30 every year in India. **Ans: To coincide with the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

3. The full form of NTD. **Ans: Neglected Tropical Disease**

4. The difference between two types of leprosy, Paucibacillary (PB) and Multibacillary (MB). **Ans: PB is a case of leprosy with one to five skin lesions, while those with more than five are called MB cases**

5. The link between rifampicin, dapsone and clofazimine. **Ans: This is the three-drug regimen recommended by WHO for leprosy patients**

6. The importance of Dr. Vivek Lal in the context of WHO's work on leprosy. **Ans: He is the team leader for the organisation's Global Leprosy Programme**

7. The disease is transmitted this way. **Ans: Droplets from the nose and mouth**

Visual: This physician discovered the Mycobacterium leprae. **Ans: Gerhard Armauer Hansen**

Early Birds: Bhanu Priya Ashok| Pradeep Pattnaik

Word of the day

Portend:
indicate, as with a sign or an omen

Synonyms:
forecast, auspicate, prefigure, bode, omen, predict, prognosticate, augur, foreshadow, foretell

Usage:
The dark black clouds portend a heavy storm.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/portendpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /pɔːˈtɛnd/

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City to host first G20 energy transition working group meet

More than 150 participants and nine special invitee guest countries will take part in the meeting along with the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Environment Programme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The first G20 Energy Transition Working Group Meeting (ETWG) will be hosted in Bengaluru between February 5 and 7.

More than 150 participants and nine special invitee guest countries will take part in the meeting along with the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and many other international organisations.

Under the Ministry of Power, which is the nodal Ministry for ETWG, there will be six priority areas in the meeting - Energy transition through addressing technology gaps, low-cost financing for energy transition, energy security and diversified supply chains, energy efficiency, industrial low carbon transitions and responsible consumption, Fuel For Future (3F) and universal access to clean energy and just, affordable and inclusive energy transition pathway.

Delegates are scheduled to visit the Pavagada solar park in Tumakuru district.

Speaking here on Monday, Alok Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Power, said, "Our priority areas reflect India's thinking on energy transition. We have highlighted and placed an important emphasis on energy security. We also would like to flag and take forward issues like 800 million people in the world still not having access to electricity. We also would like to focus more on universal, just access to clean energy and give importance to local manufacturing and create green jobs for our citizens."

He also said that Bengaluru was chosen as the location for the first meeting as Karnataka is leading in the country in the renewable energy sector. An international seminar on 'Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)' will also be held on the sidelines of the ETWG meeting.

Visit to Infosys

Delegates are scheduled to visit the Infosys green building campus and Pavagada solar park to look at India's push towards the renewable sector.

Autorickshaw driver arrested for stealing cash from passenger

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BENGALURU

The Malleswaram police on Monday arrested a 50-year-old autorickshaw driver for stealing ₹1.5 lakh from a passenger on January 24.

The accused, Rangaswamy, was ferrying a passenger from Gandhi Bazaar to Malleswaram. He stopped the vehicle for a while on the roadside as the passenger wanted to go to a clinic for consultation. Rangaswamy saw the cash bag left on the passenger seat and sped away.

Based on a complaint, the police checked the CCTV footage, tracked down the autorickshaw and arrested him. During investigation, the accused confessed that since he had borrowed huge loan and was unable to repay it, he stole the cash to clear the debt.

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Scissors found in catering truck at KIA entrance, two arrested

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The Kempegowda International Airport police registered an FIR against the truck driver and a security officer after they found a pair of scissors in the catering truck entering the airport on January 25.

Sachin Kapoor, security officer with the CISF, who checked the truck carrying catering material that was supposed to be delivered to a domestic flight, found the scissors along with the catering products.

The truck driver Babul Patel and security officer Anil Kumar escorting the truck have been handed over to the police for further questioning.

Complaint filed

In his complaint, Mr. Kapoor said that scissors is a banned item as per the aviation security order of Aircraft Act.

The police had arrested the duo and they were later released on bail. Though the duo claimed they carried it accidentally, probe is on to ascertain if there is any foul play, a police officer said.

Republic Day flower show generates ₹1.97 crore revenue

The 11-day affair, which concluded on Monday, also saw the highest footfall on January 26 with around 77,000 visitors

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Designed around the theme of 'History of Bengaluru', this year's Republic Day flower show in Lalbagh Botanical Garden concluded on Monday with a record revenue of ₹1.97 crore.

According to officials of the Horticulture Department, this revenue is the highest of all time for Republic Day flower shows and the visitors' numbers which came up to 3.3 lakh was also one of the highest footfall ever.

The 11-day affair, which was inaugurated on January 20, saw the highest visitors on January 26 at 77,000. Along with flower installations of iconic structures and landmarks of Bengaluru, there was also an exhibition depicting the history of Bengaluru with numerous artefacts near the Glass House.

Along with flower installations of iconic structures and landmarks of Bengaluru, there was also an exhibition depicting the history of the city at the flower show this year. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Independence Day flower show in 2022 had recorded over 8 lakh visitors. However, officials said that the footfall for Republic Day show was always lesser than Independence Day shows. "This has always been the trend. By the time the Republic Day show is organised, the examination season begins and hence most parents do not bring their children to the show," said Jagadeesh M., Joint Director (Parks and Gardens), Horticulture Department.

The total revenue generated in the 2020 Republic Day flower show was ₹1.16 crore. Several NGOs, along with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike marshals and Horticulture Department officials took measures to ensure that this year's flower show was litter, plastic, and spitting-free. Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bengaluru whose volunteers were involved in the campaign, said, "This year through constant announcements, confiscation of single-use plastic bags as well as non-woven polypropylene bags from vendors accompanied by penalties, confiscation of mineral water bottles at the entry and fines for spitting, Lalbagh remained clean during the flower show. We hope that this continues into the future flower shows as well as the regular days in Lalbagh."

Sunita Raj of Sahas, working in the solid waste management sector, said: "We used to get around 8 tonnes of waste during the flower show week at Lalbagh. But this edition, the situation has improved and the waste collected is around 5 tonnes. This is because of the efforts of the Horticulture Department banning plastic."

INBRIEF

Parents continue to protest against Orchids school

Parents of children studying in Orchids The International School protested in front of the Mahalakshmi Layout branch on Monday. They alleged that while they were given the impression that the school was affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) during admission, it had now come to light that it was affiliated to the State Board. The chain of schools have 21 branches. However, the school management, in a statement, claimed that they have been transparent about the status of affiliation of the schools during admission.

KSRTC's Airavat Club Class to Vijayawada on weekends

The KSRTC has started operating Airavat Club Class service on weekends - Friday and Saturday on Bengaluru-Vijayawada route. According to a KSRTC release, Airavat Club Class service will depart from Bengaluru at 7.30 p.m. and reach Vijayawada at 8.30 a.m. the next day.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (January 31, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- What does the recent wave of tech layoffs mean? **bit.ly/recentlayoffstech**

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BEL to display state-of-the-art products

AERO INDIA 2023

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) will showcase state-of-the-art products and systems spanning every domain of its business at the Aero India 2023 to be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, from February 13 to 17.

The Defence PSU said that the products and systems to be on display during Aero India have been clustered as Air Defence and Surveillance, C4I Systems, Artificial Intelligence-based Products, Non-Defence and Diversification Products, Radar Systems, Communication Systems, Airborne Products and Systems, Homeland Security and Cyber Security, Futuristic Technologies, Missile Systems, EO & Laser-based Product, and Outdoor Display Products.

BEL's Tethered UAV will be on display at the Aero India 2023.

In addition, BEL will also showcase its R&D capabilities by demonstrating some of its new products and technologies. BEL's display in the area of 'Air Defence & Surveillance' will include Hexacopter, Tethered UAV, Swarm of UAVs, Robotic Surveillance, Shallow Water Remotely Operated Vehicle and D4 Anti-drone Systems.

Futuristic technologies on display include Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast System, Position Indicator - G3I, Hand-Held Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System, Extended C-Band Block Up-Converter, Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit, C Band Phase Locked Oscillator, Router with Call Manager, Voice Gateway Unit, MIL-GRADE TAB, Signal Processing Unit for Flight Level Radar, UHF RFID Reader, 3 ATI Display, Torpbuster CPU Board and Smart Energy Metre. The Homeland Security and Cyber Security cluster will include the display of Smart City solutions, Homeland Security solutions, Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System, Naval Airfield Integrated Security System, and Integrated Perimeter Surveillance System.

Factory workers sacked by Yazaki protest in Nelamangala

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Terminated workers of Yazaki India Pvt. Ltd. in Nelamangala have been protesting at the factory gate since December 26, 2022, after around 150 of them were allegedly sacked. They held a bike rally in the town on Monday, demanding that the company take back the employees.

The workers, along with the All India Central Council of Trade Unions, have filed a memorandum with the Deputy Labour Commissioner.

"The management has assured in a meeting to take the workers back. However, as of now, only around 30 workers have been taken back, and the rest of them are still continuing the protest. The management is delaying the process and it is becoming difficult for the workers to sustain without a salary of one-and-a-half months. The demand currently is to take the remaining workers back immediately," AICCTU said in a statement on Monday.

The company has not responded to the allegation.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, JAN. 31	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:20
RISE 13:55	SET 02:18
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 01	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:20
RISE 14:43	SET 03:12
THURSDAY, FEB. 02	
RISE 06:46	SET 18:21
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Bengaluru	28	18

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28°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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My client Dr. M. Chennakeshava S/o M.L. Madaiah, R/at No.1598/A, 27th Cross, B.S.K., II Stage, Bangalore - 560 070, is the absolute owner of the schedule property. On 16.11.2022 at Banashankari, he has lost the original sale deed dated 30.12.2002 vide Regd. No. 15109/2002-03, Volume No. 2844, registered on 08.01.2003, sub registrar office at K.R. Puram, Bangalore and the same is not traceable. My client is entered into an Regd. Agreement of Sale dated 09.01.2023 vide document No. BNS-1-18010-2022-23 in the office of SRO Shivajinagar (Banasavadi) Bangalore with Mrs. G. Sudha and Mr. Gejjegondenahalli Prakash Abhishek.

Any person/s holding the said Original Sale Deed dated 30.12.2002 vide Regd. No. 15109/2002-03 shall return the same to the undersigned or to my client within 7 days from the date of this Notice and if Original Sale Deed dated is not retrieved, my client shall act upon the certified copy of the Sale Deed dated 30.12.2002 which shall be treated as Original. No person or persons have any manner of right or interests to hold the Original Sale Deed dated 30.12.2002 vide Regd. No. 15109/2002-03.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing Site No.15, converted Sy No.111, converted for residential purpose vide Conversion order No. BDS. ALN (SA) 171/2001-02, dated 03.12.2001, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Khata No.885, situated at Rachenahalli village, Dasarahalli Panchayath, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 62 feet, and North to South 40 feet, total measuring 2480 sq feet, and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No.14, South by: Site No.16.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 31.01.2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that General Public that my client/s are desirous to purchase Residential property bearing No.19 (earlier CITB No.1189/A), situated at 35TH C Cross, Fourth "T" Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, ward No.168-Pattabhiramnagar (old ward no.58 and still earlier division no.60), PID No.58-32-19 more fully described in the schedule hereunder belonging to Sri.A Manju Son of Late Devaratti Anne Gowda, Residing at No.37, Seventh Cross, Lavelle Road, Next to Reva Showroom, Bangalore - 560001.

The above owner has informed that he does not possess the following original documents. He has lodged a complaint dated 05-01-2023 to the Inspector of Police, Cubbon Park Police Station, Bangalore and the lost report dated 05-01-2023 vide No.0436262/2023.

Any person/s, having any claim over the schedule property and or on the basis of the following missing documents, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 10 (ten) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the sale transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s.

i) Possession Certificate dated 11-06-1969 vide P R No.1738/1969-70 issued by the Engineer Officer City Improvement Trust Board Bangalore;
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iv) Old Revenue Records and Tax Paid Receipts issued by City Improvement Trust Board Bangalore, Bangalore City Corporation.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire residential property bearing No: 19 (earlier CITB No.1189/A), situated at 35TH C Cross, Fourth "T" Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, ward No. 168-Pattabhiramnagar (old ward no.58 and still earlier division no.60), PID No.58-32-19 and bounded on;

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Jayarama Achar S/o Rudrayya Achary R/o Celebrity Natures Habitat Villa No 58, 3rd Cross, Silk Farm Gate, Bidaraguppe, Bengaluru Rural-562107 have changed my name to Jayarama for all purposes.

I, RAVINDRA Reddy.N, S/o Narayana Reddy.R. R/a No. Yanigadale, Chintamani, Chikkaballapura, Karnataka-563125 have changed my name to Ravindra.N vide affidavit dt: 30.01.2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore.

I, Jayarama R/o Celebrity Natures Habitat Villa No 58, 3rd Cross, Silk Farm Gate, Bidaraguppe, Bengaluru Rural, 562107 have changed my minor son name from Aryan to Aryan Acharya for all purposes

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF LXXXVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (COMMERCIAL COURT CCH-87)
Com O.S. No. 763/2022

BETWEEN:

TIMES INNOVATIVE MEDIA LIMITED, a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2013, and having its registered office at 4th Floor, A-Wing Matulya Centre, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West) Mumbai, 400013 Represented by its Authorised Representative, Mr. Stanley J. Email: stanley.j@timesgroup.com
...PLAINTIFF

AND :

GLAD COMMUNICATION PRIVATE LIMITED, (SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT) GLAD COMMUNICATION PRIVATE LIMITED,
..DEFENDANT

a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2013, and having its registered office at 3737, 10" Cross, 13th Main, HAL Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru Karnataka-560038. Represented by its Director, Mr.Abdul Rahman Email: pmtar@gladmedia.co.in
..DEFENDANT

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff Company has filed Com O.S No. 763/ 2022 pending on the file of LXXXVI Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge at Bengaluru, Commercial Court Complex (CCH-87) against the Defendant seeking following reliefs (i) directing the Defendant to pay to the Plaintiff a sum of INR 48,54,964 (Forty Eight Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four) plus interest at the rate of 18 per cent from the due date till the date of actual payment and directing the Defendant to pay costs of the present suit and grant any other relief that this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the interest of justice and equity. As ordered by this Hon'ble Court I.A filed under Order 5 Rule 20(1) Code of Civil Procedure 1908 has been allowed vide Order dated 07.12.2022 and the aforementioned Public Notice is to be published in The Hindu and Udayvani daily newspaper. All the Defendants are hereby called upon to appear before this Court in person or through a pleader duly instructed on 01.03.2023 at 11 am. (CCH-87) to show cause against the above commercial suit, failing which the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal on this Court, this 27.01.2023

Seal

By order of the Court, Asst Registrar, City Civil and Sessions Court, Bangalore

Srinivas.L. Advocate
No. 1558, 25th Main, 5th Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076

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Two habitual offenders arrested for stealing two-wheelers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Devanahalli police on Monday arrested two habitual offenders and recovered six two-wheelers, which they had stolen from in and around the city.

The accused are Arun Kumar, 30, from Channarayapatna and Sridhar from Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu. The duo have 11 criminal cases pending against them and were on the run after jumping bail. The court has issued warrant against them. Based on a bike theft complaint, the police stepped up patrolling in and around Devanahalli and managed to arrest them.

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED

19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008.
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967

(ONLINE ONLY)

Tender Notice NIT.No. 38/CD/T.No.38/2022-23 Dt.30.01.2023

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, tenders are invited under **"Two Cover System"** through online only for the following work from **Class–I** State Level Civil Contractors registered in PWD / Highways / Any Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, Central Government Department, Tamil Nadu State Government Undertaking having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto **15.00 Hrs** (as per server system clock) on **07.03.2023** and the same will be opened on the same day at **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock).

Name of Work	Approx. value of work	EMD
Construction of Warehouse & Cold Storage, Metal Finishing Facility & Medical Grade Moulding Block (PEB) in Medical Device Park at SIPCOT, Oragadam	Rs.1592.94 lakhs (including GST @18%)	Rs. 8,07,000/-*

* In the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai. (In the Tenderer's Name/Firm only)

The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website **www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/503/TENDER/2023 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, Accounts Department, Central Offices, Hubli

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Sealed Quotations are invited from the Commercial Banks / Financial institutions to participate in the Tender to provide a Term Loan of Rs. **100.00** Cr for a repayment period of 07 years for the procurement of New Buses for the financial year 2022-23 Those who are interested to participate in the offer may submit the same in sealed quotations on or before **01-03-2023** at 15.00 Hrs, duly quoting the MCLR Rate and it will be opened on same day at 16.30 Hrs at the above address. Terms and conditions and all the other details are made available in our Corporation website www.nwkrtc.in
Contact Cell No's **7760991551** & **7760991552.**

Sd/- Chief Accounts Officer
N.W.K.R.T.C. Central Offices, Hubli.

DIPR/DWD/KSMCA/1027/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
BELAGAVI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
(Autonomous Medical Institution) Dr. B R Ambedkar Road, Belagavi – 590 001,
E.Mail: belgaum.bims@gmail.com

No. BIMS/EST/956/2022-23 Date: 27-01-2023

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts on consolidated salary. The interested eligible candidates are informed to submit their applications in the prescribed form along with photo copies of relevant documents before 05.00 pm on 03-02-2023. Short listed candidates will be intimated for interview.

Application can be collected from BIMS office during working hours from 10.00 am to 05.30 pm by producing copy of relevant documents to Asst. Administrative Officer, BIMS, Belagavi.

Sl. No	Post	Qualification	Experience	Age Limit	Salary Rs.
1	Research Assistant– 1 (For 2 months)	M.Sc (Medical Microbiology)	Work experience in Molecular Virology is essential.	Below 45 years	40,000/- per month

No TA / DA will be paid for attending the interview.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1630/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/-Dean & Director, Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences,Belagavi.**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT BIDAR
DISTRICT OFFICE, MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MAULANA AZADBHAVAN,CHIKPET ROAD BIDAR ROAD NAVADGERI BIDAR

E-mail: domwdbidar1@gmail.com, PHONE NO:: 08482-295210

No:DOMWD/ADM/E-TENDER/CR-/2022-23 DATE: 27-01-2023.

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Minorities Welfare Department, Maulana Azad Bhavan,Chikpet road Bidar Road Dist hereby invites Technical & Commercial Bids from officially registered, eligible suppliers, Non-governmental organization who are registered under law, co-operative societies who are registered under society act to Supply of food materials to both department of Hostels running under minorities welfare department Bidar, as described in the schedule of requirements.

Department & District Minorities Welfare Department : 1) Amount put to Tender (In lakhs): Rs.475.65 (in Lakhs), 2) EMD Amount (In Rupees); Rs.7,13,475 (in Rupees), 3) Commencement of download of e-tender form from website: 30-01-2023, 4) Pre-Bid Metting: 02-02-2023 @ 11.00 AM in District Office, District Minorities welfare Dept Bidar 5) Last date & Time for submission of Tender: 06-02-2023@ 5.30 PM, 6) Date & Time of opening of Technical bid 08-02-2023 @ 5.00 PM, 7) Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid: 13-02-2023 @ 11.00 AM

Interested eligible Registered in e-procurement portal bidders can down load the bid documents with visiting the web site http://e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/Bidar/436/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/-District Officer, Minorities Welfare Department, Bidar**

BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY

No.5, 2nd Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-03/67/2022-23 Date: 30.01.2023

PUBLICATION

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri Balajibabu.J S/o Jagannath has applied to this Authority seeking Change of Land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Residential"** purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No: 242/1 Extent 01Acre-21Guntas of Sy. No: 242/2 Extent 00Acre-20Guntas totally measuring 02Acre-01Guntas of Belavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1) The Planned development to be made in this land will provided sites at reasonable rates, which will be available for poor and middle class people.
2) When the development starts many labourers will have occupation.
3) This development also make the surrounding area developed.
4) Well planned development of the land makes available better roads, public facilities in that place and parks for the general public.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/4374/AAA/22-23 **Sd/- Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore.**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08392–297145, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: kn-bll-1@pmgsy.nic.in

ಸಂ: ಕಾನಿಅ/ಯೋ.ವಿ/ಬ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/SCP & TSP/2022–23/589 ದಿ:25–01–2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರರು, ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಇವರು 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ. ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 5054–03–337–0–75–423 ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಅನುದಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಲು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಐಟಂ ರೇಟ್ ದರದ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅನುದಾನವನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಒದಗಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ

1.**ತಾಲೂಕು/ವಿಧಾನ ಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ:** ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ ಮತ್ತು ವರ್ಕ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್:** ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಡಿಯ ಮುದ್ದಟನೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಹಾವಿನಾಳ (ವಯಾ ಹಾವಿನಾಳ್ ಹೆಚ್.ವೀರಾಪುರ ಕ್ಯಾಂಪ್ ವರೆಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ) Work Indent:5573). **ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಮೊತ್ತ –1.5% (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 200025. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:** 09 ತಿಂಗಳು. **ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 111.654

2.**ತಾಲೂಕು/ವಿಧಾನ ಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ:** ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ ಮತ್ತು ವರ್ಕ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್:** ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಡಿಯ ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ ಆದೋನಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಚಾಣಕನೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದವರೆಗೆವರೆಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ) Work Indent:5577). **ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಮೊತ್ತ –1.5% (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 249975. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:** 09 ತಿಂಗಳು. **ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 131.863

ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿಯು **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತದ ಶೇ.1.5 ರಷ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ.** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿ:27–01–2023** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

1. ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಿಡ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–01–2023. 2. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಅನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–02–2023 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. **3. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಅನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06–02–2023 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 4. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಅನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ :07–02–2023 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ:11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ**

ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ** ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **27–01–2023** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/859/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ. ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP, Annexe Building - 03, N.R.Square, Bangalore - 560 002.

NO. DCF/PR/1796/2022-23 DATE : 30.01.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that the DGIP,GC, Central Reserve Police Force, Yelahanka has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing at CRPF Campus, Yelahanka,Bengaluru since they are densely / thickly grown and matured trees. The details area given below:

Name of the Project	**Removal of matured Eucalyptus and Acacia trees.**			
Name of the Agency	Central Reserve Police Force, Yelahanka			
Purpose for removal of tree	The trees are standing inside the CRPF Campus, Bengaluru - 560 024, are densely grown, matured and some of them are damaging the residential / administrative buildings.			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS readings	**Sl. No**	**Latitude - N**	**Longitude - E**	**Location**
	1	13.126106	77.574277	CRPF East Camp, Yelahanka, Bengaluru
	2	13.119111	77.577678	
	3	13.124896	77.569305	CRPF West Camp, Yelahanka, Bengaluru
	4	13.120387	77.565529	
Enumeration of trees ●Total No. of trees standing in the project area	3431 Nos (Annexure-1)	Description of Trees, Species, Location, Area, Map, etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all **(www.bbmp.gov.in)** (1646 Acacia trees and 1785 Eucalyptus trees)		
●Total No. of trees proposed to be removed	3431 Nos (Annexure-1)			
Mode of Communication of Comments *(Public can send their comments either by e-mail / Post / Hand*	Address: The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, BBMP, N.R Square, Bangalore- 560002. E-mail Id: **dcfbbmp12@gmail.com / diggcblrbuildingbranch @gmail.com** *Comments communicated directly to CRPF, should also be marked a copy to the Tree-Officer / DCF, BBMP.			
Last date for filing objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification in Newspapers * **Objections / Comments / Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project**			

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

Sd/- Tree Officer, Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP.

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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No: KERC/B/01/19/23/2259 Date: 30-01-2023

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Subject: Public Hearing in respect of ARR for FY 2023-24 and Tariff Revision proposal submitted by the Electricity Transmission and Supply Companies.

The Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has filed application before the Commission for approval of Annual Performance Review (APR) for FY 2021-22, consequential revision of ARR and Transmission Tariff FY 2023-24. The State Electricity Supply Companies (BESCOM, MESCOM, CESC, HESCOM & GESCOM), Hukkeri Rural Electric Co-Operative Society Limited, Mangalore Special Economic Zone (MSEZ) and AEQUS Special Economic Zone have filed applications for approval of APR for FY 2021-22 and revision of ARR / Retail Supply Tariff for FY 2023-24. The licensees have already published the summary of their proposal in the newspapers inviting objections from stakeholders and general public. The details of their proposals are available on the websites of the respective licensees and the Commission. **(https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in).**

To elicit the views of the stakeholders / general public, the Commission will hold the public hearing on the date, time and venue mentioned hereunder:

Sl. No.	Name of the Companies	Date & Time of Public Hearing		Venue
1	Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., (KPTCL)	**13-02-2023 Monday**	**11.30 AM**	Court Hall Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, # 16 C-1, 1st Floor, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
2	Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd., (BESCOM)	**14-02-2023 Tuesday**	**10.00 AM**	
3	Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd., (CESC)	**15-02-2023 Wednesday**	**10.00 AM**	Zilla Panchayat Hall, Mysuru.
4	Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd., (MESCOM)	**17-02-2023 Friday**	**10.00 AM**	Court Hall Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dakshina Kannada, Mangaluru.
5	Mangalore Special Economic Zone Limited (MSEZ)		**3.00 PM**	
6	Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Ltd., (GESCOM)	**20-02-2023 Monday**	**10.00 AM**	Court Hall Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kalaburagi.
7	Hubli Electricity Supply Company Ltd., (HESCOM)	**28-02-2023 Tuesday**	**10.00 AM**	**New Meeting Hall** Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dharwad.
8	Hukkeri Rural Electric Co-Operative Society Ltd., (HRECS).	**01-03-2023 Wednesday**	**10.00 PM**	Office of the Hukkeri Rural Electric Co-Operative Society Ltd., Hukkeri Taluk, Hukkeri.
9	AEQUS Special Economic Zone Pvt. Ltd., (AEQUS SEZ)		**12.00 PM**	Office of the AEQUS SEZ, Hattaragi Village, Hukkeri Taluk.

Interested persons may participate in the public hearing and submit their oral / written views before the Commission.

DIPR/CP/4383/2022-23 **Sd/- SECRETARY**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AEE-4&5/F-1827/2022-23/22100, 22101 & 22102 Dated : 27.01.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works.

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/PTK-229 B V Halli (Call-3) for Providing **additional 1 x 12.5MVA,** 66/11kV Power transformer along with 11kV switchgear and Capacitor bank at **66/11kV B.V.Halli Sub-station** in Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District including supply of all materials / equipment **(Excluding Power Transformer & 11kV Switchgear)** / and erection (including Civil works) of all materials / equipments, testing and commissioning on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/CEP-104/2022-23 Dated : 20.01.2023 for Supply and Installation of Desktop Computers : 13 Nos, Printers : 09 Nos required for Transmission Zone, Bangalore

3) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/220KV CTs and 220KV LA-CEP-94 (Call-3)/2022-23 for Design, Manufacturing, Testing and supply of 220KV Class Current Transformers (0.2s Accuracy Class), 31.5KA rating of ratio 15/1-1A (with Marshalling boxes and without Mounting Structures) and 220KV Lightening Arrestors with Surge Counter required for Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Bangalore.

The Bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging into e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **06.02.2023 for Sl. No. 1 & 02.02.2023 for Sl. No. 2 & 3** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele), Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru-09.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಉ.ಕ)
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: **midhly@yahoo.co.in** ಫೋ.ನಂ: **08284–220113**
ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಅ/ಸಣ್ಣವಿಇ/ತಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಪ.ವಾ.ಯೋ/ಅ.ಪಿ.ಬಂ/2022–23/3444 ದಿನಾಂಕ: **25/01/2023**

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)–ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1, 3 & 4

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿ ನವೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ–2000 ಮತ್ತು ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಂತೆ ಕರಾವಳಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಘಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಯುವ ನದಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಾಂದಾರ/ಚೆಕ್‌ಡ್ಯಾಂ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಮುಂಡಗೋಡ, ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾರವಾರ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ತಾಲೂಕುಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ **KW-3 & 4** (ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ) ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **"ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ್"** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: 4702 ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಹಿನಿಯೋಜನೆ (1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 33770 3ನೇ ಕರೆ (2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 33764 3ನೇ ಕರೆ, **4702 ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟು ಮತ್ತು ಪಿಕಪ್–ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು** (3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 36491 2ನೇ ಕರೆ, **4702 ಕೆರೆಗಳ ಆಧುನೀಕರಣ–ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು** (4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 37399 (5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 37400

ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ : **"https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam"** ದಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.01.2023** ರ ನಂತರದಿಂದ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.02.2023** ರಂದು ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.02.2023** ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಅನುಮಾನಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಕಚೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪರಿಹರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.02.2023 ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವೆರೆಗೆ** ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.02.2023 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.35 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ದೊರೆತ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡಗಳನ್ನು **ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1, 3 & 4** ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ರಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿವರಗಳೇ ಅಂತಿಮ.

ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– (ಅವಿನಾಶ ಆರ್. ಆಲೂರು)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಉ.ಕ)

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP Anganawadi Center, 2nd Main, T.R. Mill Road, Bengaluru-18

No.: EE/CMP/TEND/E-Proc/22/2022-23 Date: 27.01.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term Tender Notification: Two Tender Document Systems)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations Class-1 Contractor for the work detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document-KW-3 & KW-4)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approxi. Value of Works (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive Development of drain at 3rd Main Road (N&S) B/w 3rd Cross to 4th Cross and restoration of Sholder drains & CC Footpath in jurisdiction in **Ward No. 165. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
2	Restoration of Damaged CC Road of Conservency lanes and other Maintenance in jurisdiction in **Ward No. 165. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
3	Construction of RCC drain connecting from Venkatram Nagar slum to Dasappa Garden (Connecting to Kempambudi SWD) in **Ward No. 165. (1st Call)**	57.00	1,42,500/-
4	Comprehensive Development works at Jai Bheem Nagar and surrounding areas in **Ward No. 166. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
5	Providing Cement Concrete Drain and Improvements to drains at Cheluvadipalya in **Ward No. 166. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
6	Improvements to Drains and Roads at Flower Garden and Doreswamy Nagar Surrounding area in jurisdiction in **Ward No. 166. (1st Call)**	57.00	1,42,500/-
7	Improvements to CC Roads, Drains, footpaths and Improvements in Ranganatha Colony, Police Quarters and Surrounding area in jurisdiction in **Ward No. 167. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
8	Improvements to CC Roads, Drains, footpaths and improvements in Narasimhaiah Compound and Surrounding area in jurisdiction in **Ward No. 167. (1st Call)**	57.00	1,42,500/-
9	Providing CC Roads and improvements to drains, sanitary Connections in 11th Main Road and Surrounding areas in Padarayanapura **Ward No. 168. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
10	Improvements to CC Roads, Drains, footpaths and improvements in West of Arafath Nagar, Neharu Road in Ward jurisdiction in Padarayanapura **Ward No. 168. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
11	Desilting of drains, reconstruction of damaged portions and providing CC in 14th Cross, 15th Cross Road and surrounding areas in Padarayanapura **Ward No. 168. (1st Call)**	57.00	1,42,500/-
12	Improvements to CC Roads, Drains, footpaths to 1st Main, 5th Main and Surrounding areas in JJR Nagar **Ward No. 169. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
13	Construction of New CC Roads and Drains in Vinayaka Nagar, 4th Cross Mysore Road Cross Roads and Surroundings in JJR Nagar **Ward No. 169. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
14	Improvements to drains, CC Roads and other developmental Works in Vinayaka Temple Road, Devarajurs Nagar and Surroundings in JJR Nagar **Ward No. 169. (1st Call)**	57.00	1,42,500/-
15	Improvement of CC Works and other development works near Vittalnagar and Surrounding area in **Ward No. 170. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
16	Improvement of drain and footpath near BMK Layout and Vittalnagar and Valmikinagar Surrounding area in **Ward No. 170. (1st Call)**	60.00	1,50,000/-
17	Improvement of drain and footpath near Rudrappa Garden & Azadnagar surrounding area in **Ward No. 170. (1st Call)**	57.00	1,42,500/-

Calender of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka. **(2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held

The Hindu education fair opens with huge response

Hundreds of students and parents visit the stalls and interact with colleges, universities, consulates, and agencies from across the globe, and get information about overseas education

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BENGALURU

The 19th edition of *The Hindu* Education Plus International Education Fair, which opened at Christ University Central Campus, Hosur Road, on Monday, generated a huge response with over 20 top international universities and colleges brought under one roof.

Hundreds of students and parents visited the stalls and interacted with colleges, universities, consulates, and agencies from across the globe and got information about overseas education.

Seminars on scholarships, visa counselling and financial assistance, and a session on how to crack the GRE/GMAT examination for overseas education aspirants were part of the fair.

(From left) Students attending the inauguration of *The Hindu* International Education Fair at Christ University in Bengaluru on Monday; Pradeep P., Commissioner, Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Dr. Fr. Abraham V.M., Vice-Chancellor, Christ University, and Supriyo Choudhury, Senior Manager - Global Business Development, MPOWER Financing, at the inauguration; and visitors at the stalls put up during the fair. K. MURALI KUMAR

Focus on knowledge

Pradeep P., Commissioner for the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, inaugurated the event and underlined the need to acquire knowledge and skills that are relevant today.

"Karnataka is the first State to implement National Education Policy (NEP-2020) in higher education. NEP says the curriculum has to be industry-ready and relevant. Pedagogy has to be more of conceptual analysis and critical analysis. Assessment has to be of your knowledge and the understanding of concepts," he said.

"NEP has given importance to skill-based knowledge. Earlier we were studying from the point of view of examination and securing marks. But that will not lead you anywhere in your career space, whether you want to become an entrepreneur or get a job. Knowledge and skills keep changing every day. Whatever is relevant today will not be relevant tomorrow. So, constant updation of knowledge and skills has to happen," Mr. Pradeep added.

Today, we have a lot of opportunities to update our knowledge and skills either in India or abroad with the advent of the internet and technology, he said. Various foreign universities offer skill- and knowledge-based online courses. If you have the will to learn, then you have a lot of opportunities to update what you have learned," he said.

Dr. Fr. Abraham V.M., Vice Chancellor of Christ University, said the university has given importance to quality and skill-based education. He said there are wide choices among foreign universities that impart good academic training.

Fruitful sessions

Speaking on "USA as an Education Hub and Visa Processing", Sarath Kumar Velayutham, an Admissions Associate, Learners Cortex in Magoosh, explained how one should look for universities in the USA after doing ground research. "Aspiring students must be on the lookout for universities that are situated at prime locations with a lot of offices to have better chances of getting hired," he said.

Discussing "Financing Your Education", Supriyo Choudhury, senior manager of Global Business Development, MPOWER financing, addressed queries on the availability of education loans, and interest rates for study-abroad programmes without any collateral or co-signer. He busted a lot of myths and cleared the dilemma of students regarding international education. A very engaging panel discussion took place post-lunch on 'Banking Policies on Educational Loans' with Jennifer R. White, Head of Global Business Development, MPOWER Financing.

The event was presented by MPOWER Financing and powered by Learners Cortex and Magoosh.

One more edition of the International Education Fair will be held on Tuesday at Ramaiah University, from 10 a.m.

The problem of ChatGPT

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Dr. Fr. Abraham V.M., Vice-Chancellor of Christ University, said, "Our university has strictly banned the ChatGPT, an Artificial Intelligence auto-generative system. Online submission of assignments is not accepted for assessment."

He said that it is important that students have thorough knowledge of concepts.

"Students can write assignments in the class and they can use papers, not mobile phones. In the first meeting of this semester, I gave instructions to all the HODs in this regard," he said.

Writer Tirumalesh is dead

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

K.V. Tirumalesh

Noted Kannada writer K.V. Tirumalesh, 82, passed away in Hyderabad on Monday. He was suffering from age-related illnesses. He is regarded as one of the most versatile writers across genres and a man with eclectic interests.

Though primarily recognised as a poet and honoured with the Sahitya Akademi award for his innovative work *Akshaya Kavya* – "a long narrative sans story or aim" as he described it – he wrote extensively across genres, including plays, short stories, novels, translations and criticism.

Born in 1940 in Karadka village, Kasaragod district (presently in Kerala), he was a linguist by training and taught at the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad. He also taught at Iowa University, United States of America, and in Yemen for short periods of time.

In 1960s and beyond

Tirumalesh made his debut with a collection of poetry *Mukhavadagalu* in 1968 and is considered one of the important modernist (Navya) poets of Kannada. While his early poetry is acclaimed for its modernist sensibilities and influence of European existentialism, he reinvented himself and became more diverse in his influences and writing in later years. For instance, he wrote songs, ten collections of children's poetry among others.

"From his collection *Avadha*, you cannot categorise his poetry as modernist alone.... He once told me that *Avadha* should be treated as a poet's scrapbook. He was constantly experimenting," said writer M. S. Sriram, who had a close association with Dr. Tirumalesh.

"In an interview he said "*baddhate ondu bandhana*" (commitment is confinement), which probably best encapsulates his writing and life," said Dr. Sriram. Tirumalesh's eclectic interests – from science to linguistics – is evident in his writings and translations. "It was tough to say what wouldn't interest him," Dr. Sriram said.

Noted critic Rahamath Tarikere said Tirumalesh, like Girish Karnad, Vivek Shanbhag, Umarao and Jayant Kaikini, came from a cosmopolitan world and his writing was influenced by the essence of his multilingualism. "Being born in Kasaragod, he knew Malayalam, taught English, wrote in Kannada and lived in a city that was predominantly Telugu and Urdu speaking," he observed. "His real poetry was inspired by the everyday life of Hyderabad and its history," he opined.

Sriram also said like Yeshwant Chittal who lived in Mumbai, Tirumalesh, who lived in Hyderabad, also did not receive the recognition he deserved. But both Chittal and Tirumalesh have influenced a generation of writers, which is more intangible to assess.

Translator and linguist

Tirumalesh translated several writers including French writer Gerard De Nerval, Austrian poet Rainer Maria Rilke and American novelist Herman Melville. He also translated the Spanish epic *Don Quixote*. While his two plays *Caligula* and *Tiberius* are critically acclaimed, he also wrote at least three novels and four collections of short stories. He not only became a newspaper columnist but also embraced technology and became a blogger in recent years.

BBMP to go ahead with flyover on Sankey Tank Bund Road

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Amidst opposition to the proposed widening of Sankey Tank Bund Road and the flyover from T. Chowdaiah Road to 18th Cross, from residents of Malleswaram and Sadashivanagar, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said the proposal was not new and the civic body would go ahead with the project.

Mr. Tushar Giri Nath said on Monday: "Technically, we have to go ahead with the road-widening and the flyover since traffic on that stretch has increased. Yes, there is opposition, but at the same time, there are people who want the project. Earlier there was only a road-widening proposal and now we have added the flyover component. Taking all the technicalities into consideration, we have to go ahead with the project."

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) recently revived the project of widening the road and building a 560-metre-long, four-lane flyover by inviting bids. Several residents of Sadashivanagar and Malleswaram have submitted a formal written request to the BBMP Chief Commissioner to put the project on hold, make the Detailed Project Report public and organise a public consultation before taking up the project.

The Sankey Tank Bund Road in Bengaluru. The BBMP is expected to build a flyover from T. Chowdaiah Road to Malleswaram 18th Cross. K. MURALI KUMAR

The residents have also started an online petition. Recently, around 2,000 students from Malleswaram, Vyalikaval and Sadashivanagar sent postcards to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai opposing the project.

Meanwhile, the residents have organised a discussion on the project with the experts on Tuesday. "Residents and business owners in Vyalikaval, Malleswaram and Sadashivanagar are concerned about the proposed Sankey flyover project. We have invited four experts to understand the details of the project, and understand alternative solutions," a statement from Citizens For Sankey stated.

'Wastewater testing can help predict spread of COVID-19'

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A study conducted by scientists from Tata Institute for Genetics and Society, National Centre for Biological Sciences, and Biome Environmental Trust have shown that genomic surveillance of wastewater can be used to understand COVID-19 trends.

The study was conducted in Bengaluru and wastewater samples were collected once every week from 28 sewer sites across the city. Positive samples for SARS-CoV-2 were analysed using RT-qP, a demonstrated economical surveillance tool used globally to trace the spread of COVID-19.

According to TIGS, the findings of this study divulge real-time genomic surveillance of wastewater as a key tool to understand the emerging patterns of virus populations and of new virus variants in densely populated areas.

The scientists compared the viral load of SARS-CoV-2 virus in both wastewater samples and clinical samples obtained from individuals affected by COVID-19 and found them to be a complementary tool to gain insights on SARS-CoV-2 virus populations in a community.

"Genomic sequencing is the backbone of wastewater surveillance and needs to be done in real time to understand the variants that cause the emerging viral load patterns in wastewater," said Farah Ishtiaq, scientist heading the wastewater surveillance at TIGS.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Division, Bengaluru-60027.

No: KST/EEH/JE/725/2022-23 Date: 30-01-2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION-33, 34 & 35 2022-23

Tenders / Bids are invited from eligible registered Contractors/individuals / agency / firms by the Executive Engineer, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Civil Engineering Division, Bengaluru for the detailed below:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No.	Name of the work	Amount put to Tender (Rs. In lakhs)	E.M.D (in Rs.)	Time Limit in months (Including Monsoon)
1.	33/2022-23	Construction of A.R.T.O. Office Building and Sub works at KGF.	427.56	6,42,000.00	12
2.	34/2022-23	Providing Repair Works for Toilet Blcok at Shidlagatta Bus station (Call-3)	2.68	7,000.00	01
3.	35/2022-23	Providing Repair Works for Toilet Blcok at Doddamaralwadi Bus station (Call-3)	3.57	9,000.00	01

More details can be obtained by logging to the website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KSRTC, CE Division, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4381/AKAR/22-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL SBC O&M Division Khanapur.
Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgiri Email Id: kbjnleesbc2@gmail.com

NO. KBJNL/SBC/O&M/Divn/Kpur/PB/2021-22/767 Date: 27-01-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION-2

ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur. Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgir invites short term percentage tenders in two Cover system from the eligible Contractors above for work mentioned in the table below. The blank tenders can be obtained through www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORKS PUT TO E- TENDERING

1) Work details: Indent No.23283/CALL-2 2) Amount Put to tender: Amount Rs.409.83 Lakhs 3) E.M.D amount put to tender: Amount Rs.7,26,000.00 3) The contractor can have access to the electronic document, i.e Tender Schedules, bid documents and other documents in the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of tender processing fee (non-refundable).From: 30.12.2022 at 11:00AM 4) The last date & time for submission of electronic documents through e-portal 09.02.2023 upto 17:30PM 5) Date & time for opening of electronic document first (Technical bid): 13.02.2023 @11.00AM 6) The electronic document second (financial bid) of pre-qualified contractor will opened on: 21.02.2023 @ 11.00AM or After approval of Technical bid. 7) For more information contact details: Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, SBC O&M Division, Khanapur of Shahapur Taluka, Yadgir Dist. 8.Website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

NOTE: Further information may be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours or from http:www.eprocurement.Karnataka.gov.in.

SD/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, SBC O&M Division,
Khanapur.

DIP/Yadagiri/433/K.S.M.C&A 2022-23

KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Executive Engineer office, project division, K.R.R.D.A
Kolar - Bangarpet Main Road, C.Byre Gowda Credit Co-Operative Society Building,
2nd Floor, Kolar- 563101. Ph: 08152-221670
No.E.E/P.D/K.R.R.D.A/KOL/A.E/485/2022-23 Date: 24.01.2023

Short Term Tender Notification (Call-2)
"Short Term Tender Notification No.03(1)/2022-23
Date: 24.01.2023"

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency, Project Division, Kolar, invites tender by Two Cover system through e-Procurement portal for Road works (01 work of SC Reservation and 07 Package works for General) of Srinivaspura Constituency of Kolar District. For further details visit (E-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).**

1	E.M.D fees	(As per E-Procurement portal).
2	Last date for online submission of technical and Financial Bid:	04.02.2023 (upto 16.30 hrs.)
3	Opening of technical bid date	06.02.2023 (upto 16.30 hrs).
4	Opening of financial bid date	After Completing Technical bid Evaluation.

Note: Tender may be Rejected/ Stopped at any circumstances will be in the powers of Executive Engineer.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Project Division, K.R.R.D.A, Kolar

D.I.P.R./KOLAR/R.O.No. 491/MC&A/2022-23

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
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INBRIEF

Bajrang Dal activists assault youth for selling beef

Three Bajrang Dal activists allegedly tied a youth to an electricity pole and tortured him, accusing him of selling beef, near Mudre Mane near Mudigere on Friday. Gajivur Rahman, a native of Assam, was allegedly stopped by Nithin, Ajit, and Madhu near Mudre Mane. Alleging that he was selling beef, they tied him up to an electricity pole and beat him up. Video clips of the incident have gone viral on social media. Gonibeedu police have booked a case against the accused based on the complaint by Gajivur Rahman's wife Alisa. The accused are absconding. Meanwhile, the police took Gajivur Rahman into custody on the charge of selling beef. The police recovered four kilos of meat worth over ₹1,400 from him.

Govt. forms panel to submit report on declaring Tulu as second official language

Minister for Kannada and Culture, Energy V. Sunil Kumar said on Monday that the government has constituted a committee to study and submit a report on declaring Tulu as the second official language of Karnataka. The committee is headed by M. Mohan Alva, chairman, Alva's Education Foundation, Moodbidri. The committee has been told to submit the report within a week, the Minister tweeted.

WDO delegation holds discussion on design policy

Ahead of framing the Karnataka Design Policy so as to enable holistic and sustainable development of cities, the high-level delegation of World Design Organisation (WDO) held a meeting on Monday with Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan. The Minister said: "There has been a challenge to make cities like Bengaluru which house over 1 crore population more liveable. The discussion was held keeping this points in mind," he said.

David Kusama, chairperson, WDO, said that there is a need to work in collaboration and coordination with BBMP town planning section, BDA, Department of Education, Department of Urban Development, and other institutions to realise the goal of developing Bengaluru as an attractive destination.

Ramesh Jarkiholi accuses Shivakumar of being 'key conspirator' in CD case

The BJP leader blames Lakshmi Hebbalkar, Belagavi Rural MLA, for things turning sour between him and DKS, while Hebbalkar's brother hits back and demands proof for the allegations

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

BJP leader Ramesh Jarkiholi addressing presspersons in Belagavi on Monday. P.K. BADIGER

Two days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah held closed door meetings with BJP leaders from Belagavi on the Assembly election, former Minister and BJP leader Ramesh Jarkiholi accused KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar of hatching the sex CD conspiracy against him. The release of a CD, which showed him in a compromising position with a woman, had forced him to resign from ministership back in March 2021.

Belying expectations of release of documents to support his allegations about Mr. Shivakumar's involvement, Mr. Jarkiholi, who addressed presspersons in Belagavi on Monday, did not release any, except a short audio clip reportedly of Mr. Shivakumar making claims about his assets. Mr. Jarkiholi, however, said he had several audio and video clips to prove Mr. Shivakumar's involvement in the CD case and also in other irregularities, but he would submit them as evidence only to the CBI.

"I want the CBI to investigate the case and immediately arrest Mr. Shivakumar and his team, including the girl found in the CD, her accomplices, and two leaders from Mandya. I also want the CBI, ED, and IT departments to investigate in the multi-crore irregularities of Harsha Sugar Mill in Belagavi district. Through the mill, Mr. Shivakumar is converting black money into white," he alleged.

'Will visit Delhi'

Replying to a query, Mr. Jarkiholi said his launch of a new offensive had nothing to do with Mr. Shah's recent visit. But he said he would frequent Delhi to prevail upon the CBI to initiate inquiry and arrest of Mr. Shivakumar.

Mr. Jarkiholi, who began his press conference by terming it an "individual war" between him and Mr. Shivakumar, blamed the Belagavi Rural MLA (without taking her name), as the main reason for the differences between him and Shivakumar and the damages to the Congress. He accused Mr. Shivakumar of "blackmailing" several other politicians and bureaucrats through "CD conspiracy" and that the differences between him and Mr. Shivakumar started after he declined to clear a file pertaining to Shantinagar Housing Cooperative Society of worth around ₹10,000 crore.

Hebbalkar kin responds

Reacting strongly to the allegations made against his sister, MLC Channaraj Hattiholi (brother of Lakshmi Hebbalkar) said that Mr. Jarkiholi had the habit of indulging in loose talk and asked him to be cautious while attacking people.

"There is no clarity as to the purpose for which he held the press conference. If he has any document, let him place it before the the public," he said in a press conference in Belagavi, held hours after Mr. Jarkiholi spoke.

Why seek probe now?

Mr. Channaraj sought to know why the case had not been handed over to CBI even two years after it came to light. "Why is he now seeking CBI inquiry? He is saying that he will get Mr. Shivakumar arrested by the CBI. It is a known fact that at the time of Assembly elections, BJP misuses Central agencies," he said. He alleged that Mr. Jarkiholi's "vengeance" stems from the fact that they (him and his sister) did not follow him when he quit the Congress and joined the BJP.

Mr. Channaraj, who is also the Managing Director of Harsha Sugar Mill, clarified that all their business and transactions were transparent and available in the public domain and anyone could verify them. "There is no truth in his allegation. In fact, documents of Soubhagyalaxmi Sugars, owned by Mr. Jarkiholi are not available. They took loan from banks for setting up ethanol unit and have cheated and then applied to the bank claiming insolvency," he alleged.

Congress asks poll panel to probe BJP's attempt to bribe voters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Party also urges EC to take steps to disqualify the CM and Ramesh Jarkiholi as MLAs

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has urged the Election Commission of India to expeditiously conduct an inquiry into alleged "sinister conspiracy" being hatched by the BJP government to "decimate electoral process and to hijack democracy" by offering bribes of ₹6,000 to each voter in the forthcoming Legislative Assembly polls.

This comes in the backdrop of BJP leader and former Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi allegedly saying at a public rally that he is willing to pay ₹6,000 each to voters to defeat the Congress candidate in Belagavi. He was saying that he could outdo the Congress in spending.

On Monday, the KPCC delegation led by its working president Ramalinga Reddy and leaders V.S. Ugrappa on Monday submitted a petition to the EC through the Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena, and urged the EC to direct the registration of FIR against four persons, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi, BJP president J.P. Nadda, and State BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel, who allegedly hatched a conspiracy to bribe voters.

The Congress also urged the EC to take steps for disqualification of Mr. Bommai and Mr. Jarkiholi as members of the Assembly and Mr. Nadda and Mr. Kateel as MPs.

The Congress said the ECI should direct the Income Tax department and Enforcement Directorate to initiate appropriate proceedings against the central and state leaders to unearth the source of ill-gotten money of ₹30,000 crore likely to be distributed to the voters of Karnataka.

BJP starts roping in leaders from other parties in Kolar, Chickballapur

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Close on the heels of Congress leader Siddaramaiah expressing his desire to contest from Kolar, the ruling BJP commenced measures to strengthen its organisation in Kolar and the adjoining Chickballapur districts by including several leaders from the Congress and the JD(S).

Several leaders from the two districts joined the BJP on Monday at the party State office in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Health Minister K. Sudhakar, who is in charge of Chickballapur district. Senior party leaders had indicated that they would include prominent leaders from other parties in the Old Mysore region to their fold before the polls.

Mr. Bommai said both Kolar and Chickballapur were set for comprehensive development. The Congress and the JD(S) used to think that these two districts were their stronghold, but a "BJP wave" was sweeping these areas now, he added.

Those who joined the BJP included Vokkaligara Sangha office-bearer Konappa Reddy and former Minister Krishna Reddy's daughter Vani. Earlier, Mr. Kateel remarked in a lighter vein that even family members of Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar may join the BJP in the coming years.

Siddaramaiah, DKS to begin separate Praja Dhwani tour from Feb. 3

The Hindu Bureau
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Congress leaders performing puja to the Praja Dhwani campaign bus in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

After jointly launching the Praja Dhwani campaign of the Congress ahead of the Assembly elections, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar will embark on separate bus yatras from Friday.

While Me. Siddaramaiah will go on a bus tour in north Karnataka, Mr. Shivakumar will start his yatra in south Karnataka. On Sunday, the KPCC released the list of party workers who will coordinate the tours of the two leaders at the Assembly seat level. Amidst murmurs of differences between the two leaders, the Congress had launched Praja Dhwani yatra on January 11 from Belagavi, and had said that they will campaign separately later.

Drawing on his popularity in north Karnataka, the former Chief Minister will launch his bus tour from Basavakalyan in Bidar district with a visit to Anubhava Mantapa and after garlanding the statue of Basaveshwara before addressing a public meeting.

Mr. Shivakumar will be undertaking his bus yatra between February 3 and 9. He will start his yatra in Mulbagilu after performing pooja at Kurudumale Maha Ganapathi temple. He will cover Assembly constituencies in Kolar, Chitradurga, Bengaluru Rural, and Shivamogga districts.

JD(S) candidate may be decided by Feb. first week

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the public spat between the family members of Janata Dal (Secular) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda last week over the party's candidate for Hassan assembly constituency, the party is expected to sort out the issue this week after former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy returns from the Pancharatna Yatre.

Mr. Kumaraswamy, who is in Sandur currently, is expected to return to Bengaluru on Wednesday night. "Mr. Kumaraswamy is in touch with his brother and former Minister H.D. Revanna on the issue and the latter has agreed to close the chapter for good. There is a possibility that the candidate could be announced in February first week," party sources said.

Over the last week after Bhavani Revanna (Mr. Revanna's wife) announced publicly that her candidature for Hassan has been decided already by party leaders, tension has been brewing within the family and party. While Mr. Kumaraswamy insisted that an ordinary party worker would be fielded, Ms. Bhavani's children - MLC Suraj Revanna and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna - added to the confusion by standing by their mother's statement. Mr. Revanna intervened on Sunday to douse the fire. Former Vice-President of Hassan Zilla Panchayat H.P. Swaroop is a contender for party ticket.

Second List

The JD(S) is likely to announce its second list of about 60 candidates around Mahashivaratri in the third week of February. "Candidates for Sira, Arsikere, Arkalgud, and Hassan, where there is no clarity currently, will settle by then. Party will also announce a new candidate for Sindhagi where its candidate Shivananda Patil passed away recently."

The party is also expected to change its candidates in some among the 93 constituencies for which it had announced candidates.

Modi to visit Bengaluru and Tumakuru on February 6

The Hindu Bureau
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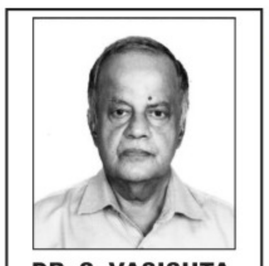
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Karnataka on February 6 to participate in programmes organised in Bengaluru and Tumakuru.

Mr. Modi will inaugurate India Energy Week at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre in the morning. He will then proceed to Biderahalli Kaval in Gubbi taluk of Tumakuru district and dedicate to the nation the helicopter factory of HAL and lay the foundation stone for Jal Jeevan Mission projects at Chikkanayakanahalli and Tiptur.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH



DR. S. VASISHTA,
Retired Chief Anaesthesiologist at Ramakrishna Hospital and GEM Hospital, Coimbatore passed away on 30-01-2023.

Survived by:
Bhargavan
Sandilya
Janaka
Usha

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

USHA NAGARAJ
Passed away peacefully on January 30th, 2023
Last rites at her daughter's residence
Amber, No 3
Berlie Street
Langford Town
Bengaluru - 560 025
Funeral at Wilson Garden Crematorium at 12 noon on 31st January
Mourned by Friends & Family at
M/s. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.
Bengaluru

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CP (CAA) No. 58/BB/2022
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SOFIES SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS PRIVATE LIMITED
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Banjara Orchids
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Bengaluru - 560 043
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NOTICE

A Petition under Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation of Sofies Sustainability Leaders Private Limited (Petitioner/Transferor Company) with DSS Sustainable Solutions India Private Limited (Transferee Company/Non-Applicant Company) and their respective shareholders was presented by the Petitioner Companies on 21.11.2022 and the said Petition came up for admission on 09.01.2023 and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on 27.02.2023.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's advocate at the address mentioned below, notice of such intention, in writing, signed by him/her or his/her advocate, with his/her full name and address, to reach the Petitioner's Advocate, not later than two (2) days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same, on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Date: 30.01.2023
Place: Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client Mr.Pranav Yadav, S/o.Krishna Yadav, Residing No.06, Gayathri Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Muthappa Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore- 560 032 is purchasing the schedule mentioned property form the owner Mr.Krishnappa , Any person having objection in the said transaction may file their objection before the undersigned advocate within seven days from the date of this notice failing which the transaction shall be completed.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of immovable property residential building bearing old no.5, New no. 14, BBMP PID.No.68-122-14, situated at Ejipura 23rd Cross, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore-560047.
Measuring: East : 17'- 0" feet, West: 16'- 0" feet , North : 53'- 0" Feet and South : 57'- 0" feet Land totally land measuring: 907.5 Square feet,
Residential building measuring: 1800 Sq. feet at ground floor, first floor and second floor
Along With 5 feet X 16'-0" common path way on the Eastern side of the Schedule property which shall be the common path between the purchaser of the schedule property and Mr.P.Rajendran brother of the vendor to approach the Schedule property. Bounded on: **East by** : Road, **West by** : Property of Kannappa, **North by** : Property of AshwathNarayan Setty , **South by** : Property Allotted to P.Rajendran along with the common passage For the convenience of the purchaser to approach his property.

J.RAVINDRAN Advocate
No.310, 4th Cross, 6th Main, Viveknagar, Bangalore-569947. Mobile :9900609429

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Mr. S.K. Murali, S/o Kannan.S having permanent address at House No. 23-24, Nagadevanahalli, Near St. Peeters School, Jnanabharathi Post, Bengaluru 560 056 has misplaced and lost the below mentioned original documents of title to the residential property bearing House List No. 8, Old TMC Khata No. 41/1, New BBMP Khata No. 1159/889/ 41/1/8, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West: 60'-0" feet and North to South: 40'-0" feet, totally measuring 2,400 square feet, with 100 squared AC Sheet roofed, cement and brick wall, red oxide flooring, jungle woods doors, and windows with all civic amenities and bounded on East By: Road; West by: Site No. 3, North by: Site No. 9 and South by: Site No. 7. Mr. S.K. Murali has also lodged a complaint with the Police regarding the same.

Any person/s in possession of the below mentioned original documents are hereby notified to forthwith return the same to the undersigned. Members of the public are also cautioned not to deal with any person on the basis of custody of the below mentioned documents and any such transaction/s shall not be binding on Mr. S.K. Murali.

LIST OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

a) Original Sale Deed dated January 01,1992, registered as Document No. 6263/1991-92 in Book-I, Volume No. 434, Pages 65 to 69, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.
b) Original Sale Deed dated May 25,1995, registered as Document No. 14130/1994-95 in Book-I, Volume No. 1209, pages 27 to 31, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.

S.K. MURALI, House No. 23-24, Nagadevanahalli, Near St. Peeters School, Jnanabharathi Post, Bengaluru 560 056

SD/-
ARJUN SARATHY. V, Advocate
VNA LAW OFFICES,
No. 865, 1st Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru 560 060
DATE: 31.01.2023
PLACE : BENGALURU

DKS attends finale of Bharat Jodo Yatra

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Congress president D.K. Shivakumar, who was in Kashmir on Monday to participate in the Bharat Jodo Yatra, released a video praising the natural beauty of the valley.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra, taken up by Rahul Gandhi, MP, to unite the country, ended on Monday. The 135-day yatra covered a distance of more than 3,500 kilometres from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, Mr. Shivakumar said. AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress MLA K.J. George, Hanumanthappa, MP, and leaders from other States participated in the programme.

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Thalamuthu Natarajan Building, No.1, Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(Non-Consulting Services - Firm selection)

Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) is implementing a component of Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project (TNHHDP) assisted by World Bank. CMDA invites eligible service providers to submit their proposal in providing the services for the below mentioned assignment under the TNHHDP.

DGPS Survey to collect Ground Control Points (GCP) for Chennai Metropolitan Area

The Request for Bid (RFB) document and Terms of Reference are available in the website - **www.cmdachennai.gov.in.** The **RFB** will be received in the office of Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, Thalamuthu Natarajan Building, No.1, Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008, Tamil Nadu, India upto **3.00 p.m. on 02.03.2023.** Submission of proposal through email, speed post, courier etc. will not be considered.

The pre-bid meeting for this assignment will be held on **10.02.2023.**

Any further Corrigendum or Amendment shall be notified in this website only. Consultants shall regularly visit the website to keep themselves updated.

e.mail: cmdaprocurement@gmail.com & cmda-mpu-cp@tn.gov.in

Member Secretary
Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority

DIPR/87/DISPLAY/2023

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

INBRIEF

Jagan's flight develops snag, makes emergency landing

A chartered flight in which Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy was travelling to New Delhi on Monday to participate in a curtain raiser event related to the A.P. Global Investor Summit-2023, made an emergency landing at the Gannavaram airport reportedly due to a technical snag. An official release from the CMO said the pilot identified an air-condition valve leakage that led to a problem in the pressurisation system.

Two men in custody for throwing water bottle

Multi-lingual playback singer and composer Kailash Kher had to face an awkward situation when he went on stage at Hampi Utsav for a live performance as two youths from the emotionally-charged audience threw a water bottle at him demanding that he sing Kannada songs. The police managed to take the two into custody. However, somebody from the audience threw a water bottle when he was singing a Hindi song. The bottle landed a few metres away from the singer. The police got hold of the culprits. They were taken to Hampi Police Station where they were identified as Saddam and Krishnappa.

Media, parties misleading people on farmer deaths: BRS

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has alleged that some parties, individuals, a section of media and other organisations were spreading misinformation on the issue of farmers' suicides in Telangana just out of their blind opposition to the State government. The BRS leaders pointed out that the Centre itself had told Parliament that farmers' suicides had come down drastically in Telangana since 2014.

Poll panel withholds Lakshadweep bypoll

Byelection notification for Lok Sabha seat deferred as Kerala HC had suspended sitting MP Mohammed Faizal's conviction on January 25

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Monday withheld the byelection in the Lakshadweep Lok Sabha constituency which had been announced following the disqualification of sitting MP Mohammed Faizal after his conviction by a local court. However, the MP had appealed to the Kerala High Court which overturned the conviction.

After considering the matter and having due regard to the "Order passed by High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam" on January 25, the Commission has decided to withhold the byelection and to defer the issuance of notification for holding the byelection in Lakshadweep, a statement said.

Mohammed Faizal

The Commission had on January 18 announced that byelection to the Lakshadweep Lok Sabha seat, along with the byelections to six Assembly seats spread over five States, will be held on February 27.

Mr. Faizal had challenged the EC's announcement of byelection in Lakshadweep before the Supreme Court.

The poll panel had informed the Supreme Court last week that it would take note of the Kerala High Court order suspending the conviction, which had resulted in his disqualification from the Lok Sabha, and take action in accordance with law.

76 students hospitalised after 'food poisoning'

The Hindu Bureau
KALPETTA/THRISSUR

Seventy-six students of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Pookode in Wayanad district of Kerala, were admitted to the taluk hospital at Vythiri after suspected food poisoning at their hostel on Monday. Their condition is stable.

Forty-seven of them were discharged from hospital by Monday, District Medical Officer in-charge P.P. Dineesh said. They were admitted after showing symptoms of suspected food poisoning on Sunday night. The Health Department had intensified preventive steps in the wake of the suspected food poisoning, Dr. Dineesh said.

In-charge of Murugha Mutt moves HC for change of investigating officer to probe his complaint

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has ordered issue of notice to the State government on a petition seeking a direction to appoint a senior woman police officer as the investigation officer to probe the complaint of allegedly hatching of a conspiracy to tarnish the image of mutt's senior seer, Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, by falsely accusing him of indulging in sexual assault on minor girls.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order on a petition filed by Basavaprabu Swami, the incharge seer of the mutt.

It has been pointed out in the petition that the petitioner-seer in November 2022 had lodged a complaint with the Chitradurga Rural police alleging conspiracy by a former employee of mutt and others to falsely implicate Shivamurthy Sharanaru in sexual assault case.

The complaint was lodged on the basis of audio clip containing conversation between Basavarajendra, former employee of the mutt, and a woman, mother of one of the victim girls in the sexual assault case.

Though the police had taken up the investigation and arrested Basavarajendra, S.K. Basavarajan, a former MLA and former administrator of the mutt, and others, the probe has not been carried out properly citing that the arrested accused persons are not cooperating for the investigation, it has been alleged in the petition.

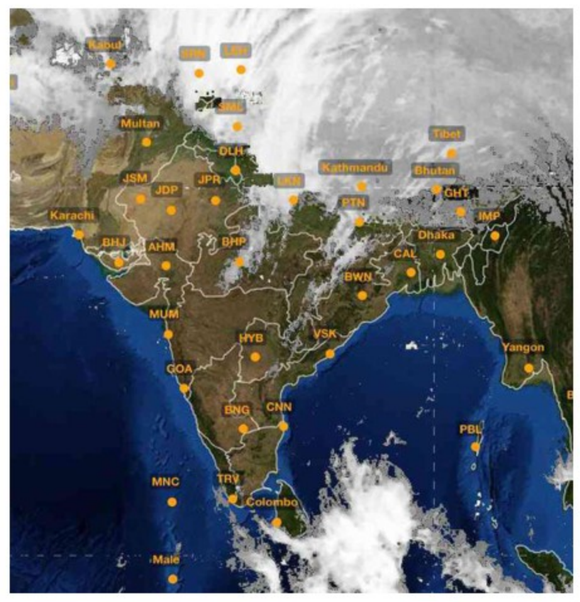
The accused, who are politically connected, were not taken into further police custody despite their non-cooperation during initial investigation but were allowed to be remanded to judicial custody.

No efforts were made to trace the SIM of Mr. Basavarajan, voice samples of accused persons are not collected, the petitioner has alleged.

Stating that a proper investigation in this case would be essential as its outcome would have a bearing on the sexual assault case registered against Shivamurthy Sharanaru, the petitioner sought a direction for an effective investigation through a senior woman police officer.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.6	13.0	Kozhikode	—	35.2	23.5
Ahmedabad	0.8	27.7	16.0	Kurnool	—	33.0	21.1
Aizawl	—	25.4	9.0	Lucknow	—	23.2	11.0
Allahabad	—	25.3	10.4	Madurai	—	32.0	21.6
Bengaluru	—	27.7	18.0	Mangaluru	—	32.3	21.0
Bhopal	—	22.4	15.0	Mumbai	—	29.7	20.0
Bhubaneswar	—	32.2	17.2	Mysuru	—	30.2	16.7
Chandigarh	1	22.0	13.7	New Delhi	20	18.9	10.2
Chennai	3	30.1	25.0	Patna	—	28.1	11.2
Coimbatore	—	29.8	20.4	Port Blair	—	29.4	26.3
Dehradun	1	17.2	12.0	Puducherry	—	31.5	21.7
Gangtok	—	19.4	10.2	Pune	—	30.3	16.9
Goa	—	32.0	20.0	Raipur	—	33.0	18.8
Guwahati	—	30.0	12.3	Ranchi	—	28.8	12.4
Hubballi	—	32.0	19.0	Shillong	—	21.4	10.4
Hyderabad	—	28.2	20.3	Shimla	20	10.0	1.6
Imphal	—	28.3	8.4	Srinagar	32	1.6	-0.2
Jaipur	25	18.8	11.1	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.6	22.5
Kochi	—	31.0	23.6	Tiruchi	—	29.1	22.4
Kohima	—	20.4	8.5	Vijayawada	—	30.4	22.0
Kolkata	—	28.7	16.4	Visakhapatnam	—	30.6	23.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	19	5	7	211	203	
Bengaluru	2	23	31	79	86	
Chennai	23	26	56	136	103	
Delhi	7	129	53	265	139	
Hyderabad	13	4	66	139	112	
Kolkata	6	20	59	226	149	
Lucknow	20	47	64	232	187	
Mumbai	39	265	99	319	148	
Pune	124	196	111	207	129	
Visakhapatnam	11	38	52	156	131	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Gadag, Karnataka recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 455 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Panipat, Haryana recorded a healthy AQI score of 33

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.
No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-3/57/2022-23 Dated: 30-01-2023
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For Deposit Contribution, ZP Different Head, Viveka Yojane & MLA Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 07-02-2023 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/4378/ Adverto/2022-23

KARNATAKA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED
(GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA UNDERTAKING)
"Beej Bhavan", Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-24.
Ph.: 080-23415652/56/23416953, Fax: 080-23415895
No: KSSC/IA&Vig/114/4120/2022-23 Date: 27.01.2023
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23 ON HALF YEARLY BASIS
Karnataka State Seeds Corporation Ltd. Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024 is intended for Expression of Interest from the Chartered Accountants/Cost Accountants Firms for Internal Audit of the Company Accounts of Head Office and Branch offices in Karnataka for the year 2022-23 on half yearly basis. The interested Chartered Accountants/Cost Accountants Firms can download the e-Tender documents from e-Procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (1)** Last date for submission of tender through e-Procurement is on: **15.02.2023 at 3.00 p.m. (2)** Date of opening of Technical Bid is on: **16.02.2023 at 3.30 p.m.** at Registered Office and opening of Commercial Bid will be intimated later.
Sd/- Managing Director

PUBLIC NOTICE
Our Client is desirous of purchasing the Schedule Property more fully and particularly described in the Schedule hereunder ("**Schedule Property**") from M/s Avon Township Developers.
All persons having or claiming any right, title, benefit, claim, charge, interest or encumbrance whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, by way of possession, sale, exchange, assignment, lease, sub-lease, license, tenancy claim, mortgage, charge, lien, occupation, trust, easement or otherwise howsoever, shall notify their claim or objection in writing, if any, together with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned within 10 (ten) days from the date of publication hereof. If no claims or objections are received within the above-mentioned period, then it shall be conclusively presumed and deemed that no person has any right, title, interest, claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever with respect to the Schedule Property and further our Client will be entitled to proceed with its transaction with respect to the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel land bearing Survey No. 28 ad measuring 1 acre 37 guntas situated at White field Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and which is bounded as follows:

Sl. No	Survey No	Extent		Boundaries			
		Acres	Guntas	East	West	North	South
1.	28	1	37	Properties bearing Survey Nos. 19, 25, 26 and 27	Storm Water Drain	Private Access Road and Property bearing Survey No.29	Properties bearing Survey No. 19
TOTAL		1	37				

Poornima Hatti
Partner
Samvad Partners
62/1, Palace Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore - 560001
Tel No: +91 8042686000
Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.01.2023

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office: L.F-10, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-96
Ph: 080-23598862/64/65/66 e-Mail: ht.cwcblr@cewacor.nic.in
No.: H-701(Advt)/2022-23 Date: 25.01.2023
E-TENDER NOTICE FOR HANDLING & TRANSPORT CONTRACT
Online tender is invited from interested bidders for **regular Handling and Transportation contract for Fertilizers at Central Warehouse, Panambur.** Further details may be seen and tender form may be downloaded from CWC's website **www.cewacor.nic.in www.tenderwizard.com/cwc & www.eprocure.gov.in** Tender may be submitted online only at **www.cwceprocure.com** Last date for submission of tender **21.02.2023.**
Warehousing for everyone **Sd/- Regional Manager**

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ2.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:32:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–01–2023
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)
2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ – 04 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 5 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು : ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : **06–02–2023 ಸಮಯ : 16.30** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : **06–02–2023 ಸಮಯ : 17.00** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : **08–02–2023 ಸಮಯ : 11.00**
ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/855/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 ಸಹಿ/– ಆಯುಕ್ತರು

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.
Tender Notice No.: 44/2022-23, Date: 25.01.2023
In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors for total 18 works through Manual and e-proc coming under Chikkamagaluru, Tarikere, Mudigere, Koppa and Kadur Public Works Department sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 3 & 4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount **Rs. 0.627 lakh** and Maximum Approx. Amount **Rs. 360.00 lakhs.** For Tender to be submitted through Manual for **13 works** eligible contractors should pay the prescribed fee and submit application for blank tender form on **01.02.2023 and 02.02.2023.** Should obtain blank tender form on **09.02.2023** and submit the filled tenders on **10.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM.** For Tender to be submitted through e-proc for 5 works (on **02.03.2023** for 1 work, on **10.02.2023** for 1 work, on **15.02.2023** for 1 work and on **13.02.2023** for 2 works **within 4.00 PM**) tender should be submitted. In case these days are declared as holidays the next days will be considered. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.
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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Haveri
This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/5054-8443-2059/2022-23/8172 Dated : 27-01-2023.
E-Tender Notification
On **27-01-2023** through E-Procurement tender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No.**156216-2nd** Call Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: **07-02-2023** (upto 4:00 PM), Work Indent No. **160928** Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: **20-02-2023** (upto 4:00 PM) & Work Indent No. **161830** Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: **13-02-2023** (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
Sd/- (K.Ramesh) Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Haveri
DIPR/Haveri/KSMCA/506/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/Cys-133 & 134 Date: 30.01.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)
KPTCL invites e-Tender in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following works in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere on **Partial Turn Key Basis.**
(1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/89, date 25.01.2023 for Augmentation of 2x8 MVA power transformer by 2x12.5MVA, 66/11KV power transformer at 66/11KV **Madadakere** sub-station in Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District.
(2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/91, date 25.01.2023 for Augmentation of 2x8MVA power transformer by 2x12.5MVA, 66/11KV power transformer at 66/11KV **Kanchipura** sub-station, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District.
(3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/92, date 25.01.2023 for Augmentation of 1x8MVA power transformer by 1x12.5MVA, 66/11KV power transformer at 66/11KV **Baguru** sub-station, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District.
(4) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/64/Call-2, date 24.01.2023 for Estimate for providing 02 Nos. of additional 11KV PCVCB's at 66/11KV MUSS **Bharamagiri** in 220 Hiriyur RS & SS Division.
Tenders will be accepted through e-Procurement Mode Only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** and click on to hyperlink **e-procurement-kptcl** to participate on e-Procurement Portal **on or after 30.01.2023.**
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph.: 08192-250774

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Water woes

Opening up the entire Indus Waters Treaty could come with its challenges

The government's decision to issue notice to Pakistan, calling for negotiations to amend the Indus Waters Treaty, must be considered carefully. New Delhi says this extreme step is due to Pakistan's intransigence over objections to two Indian hydropower projects in Jammu and Kashmir: the 330MW Kishanganga hydroelectric project (Jhelum) and the 850MW Ratle hydroelectric project (Chenab). India has argued since 2006, when the objections began, that the projects were within the treaty's fair water use. However, Pakistan has refused to conclude negotiations with India in the bilateral mechanism – the Permanent Indus Commission of experts that meets regularly – and has often sought to escalate it. As a result, the World Bank appointed a neutral expert, but Pakistan pushed for the case to be heard at The Hague. India has objected to this sequencing, as it believes that each step should be fully exhausted before moving on to the next. While India was able to prevail over the World Bank to pause the process in 2016, Pakistan persisted, and since March 2022, the World Bank has agreed to have both a neutral expert and a Court of Arbitration (CoA) hear the arguments. India attended the hearings with the neutral expert last year, but has decided to boycott the CoA at The Hague that began its hearing on Friday. New Delhi says as talks have hit a deadend, it wants the entire treaty to be opened up for amendments and renegotiations. India's accusations against Pakistan may be valid, given that Islamabad has failed to provide material evidence of the two projects hampering its water supply. The World Bank's decision to hold two parallel adjudication processes is also perilous as there could be contradictory rulings. However, opening up the treaty for review has its own problems that India must deliberate on with a cool mind.

To begin with, the Indus Waters Treaty that decided the distribution of the six tributaries of the Indus or Sindhu between the two nations took nearly a decade to negotiate originally before its signing in 1960. Built in were mechanisms for coordination and dispute resolution that have held the treaty in good stead for at least half a century, and it has often been used as a template between upper riparian and lower riparian states worldwide. That it has endured despite conflict and political rhetoric between India and Pakistan is a testament to its text. In addition, if India and Pakistan have not been able to resolve issues over one case in their Indus Commission talks over 16 years, what guarantees are there that they can renegotiate the whole treaty within any reasonable time-frame? At a time when there is no political dialogue, trade and air or rail connectivity between them, reopening negotiations could open a new flank for India-Pakistan confrontation.

Miles to go

The Bharat Jodo Yatra did strike a chord, exemplified in the Srinagar event

After 135 days on the road, the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra ended in Srinagar, on the Mahatma's death anniversary, with several Opposition leaders attending the unfurling of the tricolour. That the yatra, or at least its south-to-north version, finished thus, was a befitting end to an arduous journey made by a leader seeking to revive the fortunes of the beleaguered Congress. The yatra's objective was to emphasise the contrast between the party's vision for India, built on its slogan of "unity in diversity", and the Hindutva ideology of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The party's outreach might not have immediately resuscitated its electoral fortunes – there has been a steady decline in its influence and a flight of many of its leaders to the BJP. But the imagery of the Congress scion interacting with civil society and the citizenry across the country, and just the organisation of the yatra infused energy into the political machine of India's grand old party. The yatra's messaging might have been rudimentary and a medley of slogans, but it did clearly articulate some of the party's distinctive core values to a large extent. This was even more evident in the optics in Srinagar.

Jammu and Kashmir has been India's most conflict-ridden province and now, inexplicably, remains a Union Territory after having its special status abruptly stripped and being bifurcated into two Union Territories in 2019. In the succeeding years, there has been heightened violence in the Kashmir Valley, the weakening of the mainstream polity (which was bracketed with the separatist current for a period of time), and the imposition of communication lockdowns and measures to control the freedom of the press. After months of turmoil, Kashmir has limped back to economic activity, with the tourism sector picking up well, but the sense of disquiet with the abrupt changes has persisted in the Valley and beyond. Repeated incidents of violence against Kashmiri Pandits have also been indicative of the persisting turmoil. The presence of the Peoples Democratic Party and the National Conference in the flag hoisting ceremony in Srinagar was proof of the extent of the appeal of the yatra for the mainstream parties in the Valley, and in a way marks a genuine attempt at solidarity between the Kashmiri polity and the national opposition. Yet, in terms of the actual steps for the Congress's revival, there is still many a proverbial mile to go with the party requiring to do the hard yards in building organisational relevance in several parts of the country, especially in North India.

Tasks for India's millet revolution

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Millets have special nutritive properties (they are high in protein, dietary fibre, micronutrients and antioxidants) and special agronomic characteristics (drought-resistant and suitable for semi-arid regions). If millets are good for nutrition and are climate-resilient, what then are the constraints to increased millet cultivation and consumption?

I provide a brief outline of the economics of millet cultivation (its production, consumption and procurement), followed by some lessons from the experience of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in conserving millet biodiversity and promoting the production and consumption of millets in the Kolli hills, Tamil Nadu, a model that can be adapted to other areas. In writing this article, the inputs of Oliver King and D.J. Nithya of the MSSRF have been valuable.

Barriers in millet consumption

Two groups of millets are grown in India. Major millets include sorghum, pearl millet and finger millet, while minor millets include foxtail, little millet, kodo, proso, and barnyard millet.

In 2019-20, the total offtake of cereals through the Public Distribution System (PDS) and the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and also school meals was around 54 million tonnes. If about 20% of rice and wheat were to be replaced by millet, the state would have to procure 10.8 million tonnes of millet.

In 2019-20, the total production of nutri-cereals (earlier called coarse cereals) was 47.7 million tonnes. The bulk of this was maize (28.8 million tonnes), a non-millet crop used mainly as feed (M.S. Swaminathan had suggested that coarse cereals be replaced by nutri-cereals). The production of sorghum (4.8 million tonnes), pearl millet (10.4 million tonnes), and finger millet along with other millets (3.7 million tonnes) put together was 18.9 million tonnes. With this production, the inclusion of millets in the PDS would only be feasible if more than 50% production were procured – an unlikely scenario. Currently, millets are procured in only a few States, and stocks in the central pool are small. In May 2022, central stocks had 33 million tonnes of rice and 31 million tonnes of wheat, but only four lakh tonnes of nutricereals.

The real problems are: first, the decline in the area under millet cultivation, and, second, the low productivity of millets. Over the last decade, the production of sorghum (jowar) has fallen,the production of pearl millet (bajra) has stagnated,and the production of other millets, including finger millet (ragi), has stagnated or declined. The productivity of jowar and bajra has increased, but only marginally. The average yield of jowar was 957 kg per hectare in 2011-12 and 989 kg per hectare in 2019-20. The yield of bajra was 1,079 kg per ha in 2010-11 and 1,237 kg per ha in 2017-18.

There are lessons from Tamil Nadu to help make millet cultivation profitable

Unless productivity and production are increased substantially, all exhortations to consume millets will come to naught.

Change in the Kolli Hills

The millet project of the MSSRF had three objectives – to preserve crop diversity in local millet varieties; to increase production and the consumption of millets, and to enhance farm incomes. The Kolli hills block of Namakkal district, the project area, is a distinct geographic and agro-ecological region of the Eastern Ghats, populated by income-poor Scheduled Tribe households.

There has been a rapid decline in minor millet cultivation, and a shift in land use toward more profitable crops such as cassava (tapioca), pineapple, coffee, and pepper. As the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has pointed out, the area under nutri-cereals has declined steeply in India since the mid-1980s – from 41 million hectares in the 1980s to 24 million hectares in 2017-18.

The reasons for a shift in land use include low yields. Further, processing of millets is a time-consuming and laborious task, undertaken by women. Additionally, very little was marketed, and a tiny share of grain was processed into value-added products.

The project intervened in three areas. First, yield enhancement was attempted, using a combination of participatory varietal trials for improved seeds, new agronomic practices, and new technology. Community seed banks were designed and constructed to conserve, restore, revive, strengthen, and improve local seed systems.

Second, customised post-harvest machinery (pulverisers and dehullers) was introduced. Hand-pounding millet by women for an hour yielded 2 kg-3 kg of grain (all millets other than finger millet have a hard seed coat that requires abrasive force to remove the starch from the seed coat). The introduction of small-scale localised mechanical milling, operated by self-help groups, was a game-changer.

The third major initiative was training. The Kolli Hills Agrobiodiversity Conservers' Federation (KHABCOFED) was formed to oversee all activities towards training and value-addition. Ready-to-cook products were branded under the Kolli Hills Natural Foods label and market links established. Net returns from value-added products were five to 10 times higher than from grain: a kilogram of little millet rice sold for ₹7, a kilogram of millet upma sells for ₹41.

The most significant outcome of the last 25 years has been that the decline in the area under cultivation of minor millets and finger millet at the block level has been stemmed, and, indeed, has increased gradually after 2014-15, although the acreage is still one-third of acreage in the early 2000s. Yields have risen as a result of improved seeds, agronomic practices and intercropping. There have been significant improvements in incomes from millet farming. The shift from hand pounding to milling has reduced the drudgery for women and encouraged millet consumption. The number of private mills with customised dehullers and pulverisers has risen (and the technology has been marketed to Krishi Vigyan Kendras across Tamil Nadu).

The economics is the issue

The most difficult outcomes to measure are changes in consumption and nutrition. A rapid sample study in 2021 showed that persons of all ages ate millet for nine days per month. Fifteen years earlier, a different study showed that 39% of households consumed millets regularly. Availability is one factor here, but so are changing food habits.

In conclusion, increasing the production of millets and reversing the decline in area cultivated are feasible steps but not easy, and require multiple interventions including scientific inputs, institutional mechanisms, financial incentives and in-kind support. The Government of India and State governments, notably Karnataka and Odisha, have initiated Millet Missions. These policies are welcome, but unless we pay attention to the economics of millet cultivation, we face a losing battle against more profitable alternatives. Small farmers in hilly regions and dryland plains who are among the poorest households in rural India, are going to cultivate millets only if it gives them good returns. Adequate public support can make millet cultivation profitable, ensure supply for the PDS, and, ultimately, provide nutritional benefits to a wide section of the population.

The real reason behind a political party's decline

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Political parties are prisoners of their own history. This is what popular analysis will have us believe, often locating the present status of this or that political party in historical events. For instance, one popular narrative seeks to trace the genesis of the present woes of the Congress party in its past decisions such as the Shah Bano case and the opening of the Babri Masjid locks for Lord Ram's worship. The present is of course a function of the past. However, this manner of analysis grossly overstates the significance of the past when it comes to political parties.

India's ahistorical generation

India's electorate is much less ideological than this analysis presupposes. Sixty-five per cent of India's population is below the age of 35 years and has no personal experience of the events political analysts cite. Moreover, this is an exceptionally ahistorical generation; the majority of the electorate simply does not know anything about the events analysts seek to foreground to explain the present. The ignorance is compounded with an indifference and proclivity to discount the past based on their current perception.

These perceptions themselves are amorphous, grounded in the relative strength of prevailing narratives as opposed to the outcome of personal review and deliberation. There are of course highly ideological sections of the electorate, such as civil society. However, this section, by and large, does not have the political heft to impact the electorate in a significant manner. Finally, voters work with a limited set of options. Given that the vote is a binary instrument to encapsulate a range of aspirations and grievances, there is only so much of an impact "history" can have on a party's prospects.

This malleability on the part of the voter gives the leadership of the party considerable freedom to remake the party if sh/e wants to. To remake a political party, the leader must do two things: change the organisation and change the message. It is here that history plays a role. Parties become mired in the past not because of past events but due to a lack of churn in the organisation and an inability to adapt to changing voter aspirations. Across the spectrum, parties that have declined have suffered not from their historical blunders but from stasis: stasis in the organisation and messaging, even while the competitive landscape changes and the country's electorate goes through considerable shifts due to changing demographics, social mores, technology, etc. Parties decline due to a disconnect with the electorate, not history.

Stasis and not historical blunders is why some political parties have found their space shrinking

The case of two parties

Party leaders such as Rahul Gandhi and Aaditya Thackeray have tried to remake their parties in some measure: Mr. Gandhi wanted to drive an anti-establishment agenda through an establishment party; Mr. Thackeray tried to pivot to an upper-class liberal plank on the back of a right-wing street party. However, in a political party, more than anywhere else, personnel is policy. It is thus not possible to change the party agenda without convincing or changing the organisation.

In the case of the Congress, power did not fully transition to Mr. Gandhi and thus the change was faltering and piecemeal. In the case of the Shiv Sena, Mr. Thackeray exercised delegated power at the top on some issues. While he did not necessarily initiate changes in the larger organisation, he gave primacy to different skills than those which existed in the organisation. Consequently, there was pushback in varying degrees in both instances. This also illustrates a fundamental tenet of power: the exercise of power has to be compatible with the manner of acquisition of power. A party which draws power from a certain kind of street politics cannot pivot to a liberal agenda because significant power will continue to vest in the street politicians. So, messaging pivots require a huge amount of political capital or a clear path to power on the back of the new plank.

A message for the party leadership

Ultimately, the ability to remake a party requires three things of the leadership: first, the ability to consolidate power and enforce one's will on the party; second, to effect wholesale change in the organisation and exercise control over those remaining; third, provide new messaging for the party which either shapes or responds to the feedback from the ground.

These three things were successfully executed by Indira Gandhi when she split the Congress party. Narendra Modi too did this when he took over the leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party. In both instances, the two leaders were able to consolidate power, marginalise dissenters and push their own people through the organisation, and remake the party in their own image. Of course, even with consolidation of power, the success of any political party is contingent on finding a message which resonates with the people. This requires a constant feedback loop from the ground which allows parties to change and adapt.

A review of the trajectory of parties in our country and around the world shows that political parties are defined by their top leadership. Thus, each new leader has significant power to remake their party. The reason political parties in India seem mired in their past has less to do with voters' preoccupation with history but more because there has been very little churn in the party organisation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Group and response

The alleged fraud pointed out by Hindenburg is directed against a particular Indian group. It is ridiculous to treat the same as a "calculated attack on India" (Page 1, "Hindenburg report driven by an ulterior motive, says Adani Group", January 30). With stock markets taking a hit since the report became public, one is left wondering whether the regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, has been, and is, diligently carrying out its statutory obligations of ensuring transparency and good corporate governance. The allegations by the U.S.-based agency are serious and the stakes involved are quite high as there are public sector units that are affected. The silence on the part of the government is indeed intriguing. Will the issue find a mention in the Finance Minister's Budget speech?

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The response by the conglomerate is both feeble and unconvincing. The market response points to one thing: all's not well with the group. The short seller's report is a a wake-up call for lenders, investors and regulators and the government.

Prabhu Raj R.,
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A rebuttal of the serious allegations apart, the fact is that core regulatory bodies have absolutely no control over the quality of auditing/accounting corporates undergo. Perhaps businesses which have heavy borrowings from banks should be audited under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India or the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. This will add credence to the financial reports such firms present to the market.

Geetha B.K.,
Mangaluru

Yatra and impact

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's completion of his 135-day foot march has silenced those who doubted his dedication and perseverance in achieving a tough task. However, the larger question is still ripe: can the Congress party use the momentum created by the yatra to rejuvenate and transform itself into a formidable force? For that to happen, it calls for a spirited commitment to reunite the party.

Michael Jom,
Thiruvananthapuram

When it is not at all easy to hold one's own in a perception match with the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra has been a platform for those who do not fully concur with the ruling party's style of functioning. It is too early to say how far the yatra will influence electoral outcomes but, as Mr. Gandhi has said, it did try to uphold an alternative vision for India.

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A problem of science at the Padma awards

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Since the Government of India began conferring the Padma awards in 1955, the work of laureates in the 'science and engineering' category has most often been related to mechanical engineering, materials science, metallurgy, aeronautics, space science, agriculture, plant breeding, mathematics and theoretical physics. Scientific work in these fields is typically identified by scientific papers, but plant breeding may be a notable exception.

The work of a plant breeder can be evident as a paper or in the form of a plant variety that many cultivators adopt, which has beneficial properties and/or which is being preserved. This in turn raises a useful question about the popular perception of science.

Perception of science

Science is distinguished in practice by following the scientific method and the rituals of academic publishing, among other things. But its social identity is of an activity that only a highly and specifically trained group of people is allowed to practise, whose language and texts are unintelligible to the people at large, and whose findings are presumed to be implicitly superior to knowledge that isn't uncovered and organised by the same rules.

Successful plant breeders defy the latter, but they also deviate from the former. So, perhaps they should be rewarded under a category called 'agriculture and seeds', separate from 'science and engineering', if only to indicate that a success in question may not be a scientific success per se.

The work of two recipients of this year's Padma awards shows what can happen when we take the lack of adherence to science's rituals to an extreme. Cheruvayal K. Raman was awarded the Padma Shri for having conserved more than 50 rice varieties on a modest farm in Wayanad. He wasn't formally trained as a botanist or scientist, nor does he appear to have published scientific papers. Yet Mr. Raman has been recognised "for conserving plant agro-biodiversity" and for preserving seed varieties that could strengthen India's food security in the face of the climate crisis.

Over the years, agricultural scientists have understood the scientific basis of the work of those like Mr. Raman, which long predates the emergence of science itself. That there is in fact a scientific basis is probably why successful plant-breeding efforts are recognised in the 'science and engineering' category. However, as stated earlier, such a basis alone doesn't make something science.

But then, what explains the Padma Shri in 'science and engineering' for Khader Vali Dudekula? Mr. Dudekula has been credited with popularising the dietary benefits of millets, but his prescriptions also include scientifically dubious elements such as homeopathy; consuming millets to "prevent" or "cure" various cancers, diabetes and polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS); and avoiding the consumption of milk, eggs, and non-vegetarian food.

Like Mr. Raman, Mr. Dudekula doesn't appear to have published any scientific papers demonstrating the efficacy of these claims. But unlike Mr. Raman, scientists haven't unearthed a scientific basis for homeopathy or millet-based cures for cancer, diabetes and PCOS; and unlike Mr. Raman, Mr. Dudekula's claims undermine important, time-sensitive dietary and medical interventions.

Through clinical trials, we know how and why these interventions work, we can reproduce their effects, and there is (at least on paper) a process by which we can hold errant practitioners accountable. We also know, thanks to the efforts of experts like Dr. Abby Philips, what we risk when we overlook the almost inevitable side-effects of 'traditional' medicine and delay tested treatments. Dr. Philips has documented several instances of people consuming 'natural cures' because they tend to overestimate the cures' therapeutic effects while downplaying their ability to be harmful and/or to be impotent against their condition. Milk and eggs are also important and cheap sources of minerals and proteins, while a part of Ayurveda, which Mr. Dudekula has espoused at large, is devoted to the benefits of non-vegetarian food.

Compromising trust

We shouldn't celebrate alternative systems that compromise trust in scientifically tested medicine in the midst of a pandemic and several epidemics (including tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS). Increasing access to and consumption of millets could help India reduce its frightening prevalence of anaemia, but going from here to claiming prophylactic and therapeutic effects against cancer is a big leap and certainly requires scrutiny.

Before conferring any Padma award in the 'science and engineering' category, the Indian government must ensure a claim has been scientifically validated and, in general, encourage the systematic validation of all such claims before they are lauded. Otherwise, the action insults the purpose of science, the civilian laurels, and the government's own public healthcare apparatus.

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A matter of prestige for the DMK

The party seems to have an edge in the byelection to Erode (East)

STATE OF PLAY

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Traditionally, the results of byelections to the Tamil Nadu Assembly are no shockers. As of now, there is no indication that the elections to the Erode (East) Assembly constituency, which goes to the polls on February 27, will be an exception to this norm. Given the absence of a common Opposition candidate and the churning within the AIADMK, which is the principal Opposition party, the ruling DMK-led alliance's candidate and former Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) chief E.V.K.S. Elangovan appears to have an edge over the rest.

The two traditional rivals, the DMK and the AIADMK (which has not yet announced its nominee), began preparing for the polls immediately after the death of the legislator, Thirumahan Everaa, the former TNCC chief's eldest son, early this month. As far as the ruling party and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin are concerned, this Assembly bypoll, the first since the DMK reclaimed power in May 2021, seems to be a matter of prestige. That the party thinks this can be gauged from the fact that it convinced Mr. Elangovan, who did not want to enter the fray and had appealed to the high command to consider nominating his son Sanjay Sampath instead, to change his decision. Mr. Elangovan is the grand nephew of the Dravidar Kazhagam's founder, E.V. Ramasamy. The Congress's plan is to cash in on public sympathy for the family of the deceased legislator, and so it selected Mr. Elangovan, who is known as an outspoken leader.

The DMK has shown its seriousness also by selecting Housing Minister and a veteran of Erode district, S. Muthusamy, as the pointsman for byelection work. Mr. Muthusamy was part of the AIADMK before he joined the DMK in 2010. He was elected to the Assembly four times from the district – thrice from the earlier undivided constituency of Erode (in 1977, 1980 and 1984) and once from Bhavani (1991). In the current House, he represents Erode (West).

The story of the AIADMK is not similar to that of the ruling party. Apart from convincing the Tamil Maanila Congress (Moopanar) to concede the seat to it, the principal Opposition party has not made much headway. It is yet to announce its nominee, even though the names of former MLAs K.S. Thennarasu and K. V. Ramalingam are in circulation. Whether it will get the popular 'two leaves' symbol is uncertain, though the Election Commission of India has not frozen the use of the party's name and symbol. After the political tussle between the interim general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami and deposed coordinator O. Panneerselvam over the control of the organisation peaked in June last year, the possibility of the symbol getting frozen became a talking point in political circles. Both sides are awaiting the Supreme Court's rulings on their petitions. Mr. Panneerselvam has questioned the validity of the July 11 general council meeting of the party, in which resolutions were passed for his expulsion from primary membership of the AIADMK, the posts of coordinator and co-coordinator were abolished, and his bête noire was elected the interim general secretary. Mr. Palaniswami has complained to the court that the Election Commission refused to accept his signature as AIADMK's interim general secretary.

The BJP, an ally of the AIADMK for most of the last four years, is yet to spell out its position in favour of or against the two leaders. The party has also not stated categorically that it will desist from fielding its candidate, despite Mr. Panneerselvam's offer of support to it. In case the BJP does not contest the election, Mr. Panneerselvam will field a candidate of his choice.

Notwithstanding all the confusion, Mr. Palaniswami and his colleagues seem to be determined to put up their nominee. They sent a delegation to meet many of their allies. Former School Education Minister and another veteran of Erode, K.A. Sengottaiyan, has been made the chief of the byelection team of the party. He has been recalling how the AIADMK (Jayalalithaa faction), without the two leaves symbol in the 1989 Assembly polls, won seven out of 11 seats in the then Periyar district and lost two other seats narrowly.

Besides, smaller parties such as the Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam, the Naam Tamilar Katchi and the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam have announced their candidates. All this will make the electoral battle much more intense than what it would have been otherwise.

In 2022, trial courts imposed most death sentences in 20 years

Courts in Gujarat imposed 51 death sentences last year, the highest among all the States

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

At the end of last year, 539 prisoners were on death row in India, the highest since at least 2016. This is according to the Annual Statistics Report 2022, published by Project 39A, a study conducted by the National Law University Delhi.

One major factor for the peak is that in 2022, trial courts imposed 165 death sentences, the highest in over two decades. **Chart 1** shows the number of prisoners on death row in India at the end of every year and the number of new death sentences imposed by the sessions courts each year. Both these figures reached a peak in 2022.

The sudden rise in 2022 can be directly attributed to a special ruling in February in a case related to the 2008 Ahmedabad serial blasts which left 56 people dead and over 200 injured. The court awarded the death penalty to as many as 38 convicts, and sentenced 11 others to life imprisonment until death.

In total, Gujarat courts imposed 51 death sentences in 2022, the highest among all the States. This is also a huge rise from the average of 2.5 death sentences given by the State's trial courts between 2016 and 2021. **Chart 2** shows the number of death sentences imposed by trial courts in 2022 and the average death sentences imposed between 2016 and 2021. Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand also recorded significant increases in death sentences imposed by trial courts in 2022.

But soon, the number of death sentences given by trial courts may decrease owing to a significant initiative on capital punishment taken by the Supreme Court in September last year. A three-judge Bench of the Court referred to a five-member Constitution Bench the issue of giving meaningful opportunity to those found guilty of a capital offence to present mitigating factors and circumstances so that they can better plead for a life term instead of a death sentence.

The Constitution Bench may make it necessary for the trial court to get to know the accused better before passing the sentence. Going beyond the reports of jail authorities or parole officers, the courts may draft the help of psychologists and behavioural experts. A study into the childhood experiences and upbringing of the accused, mental health history in the family and the likelihood of traumatic past experiences and other social and cultural factors may be mandated to be part of the sentencing process.

Another major factor for the rise in death row inmates was the low disposal rate of death penalty cases by the appellate courts. In 2022, from the 67 decided cases by the High Courts involving 101 prisoners, three prisoners had their death sentences confirmed, 48 prisoners saw their death sentences commuted to life imprisonment, 43 were acquitted of all charges and six had their cases remitted to the trial court. In one case, the Court enhanced the sentence imposed by the trial court from life imprisonment to the death penalty. **Chart 3** shows the share of death penalty cases confirmed, commuted, acquitted and remitted each year by the High Courts. As shown in the chart, the share of cases confirmed by the High Courts was very low in most years.

In the 11 cases decided by the Supreme Court involving 15 prisoners, five prisoners were acquitted of all charges; the death sentences for eight were commuted to life imprisonment; and the death penalty was confirmed for two. **Chart 4** shows the share of death penalty cases confirmed, commuted, acquitted and remitted each year by the Supreme Court. As shown in the chart, the share of cases confirmed by the Supreme Court was low in most years.

With inputs from K. Venkataramanan and Mahesh Langa

On death row

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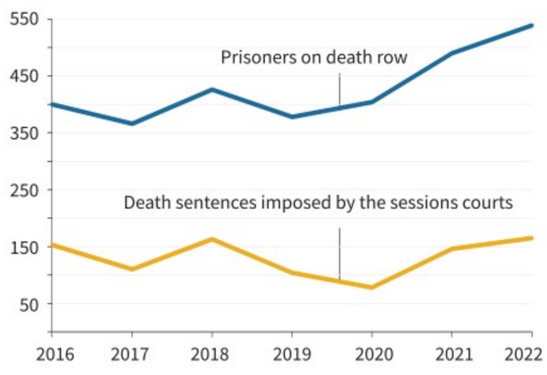

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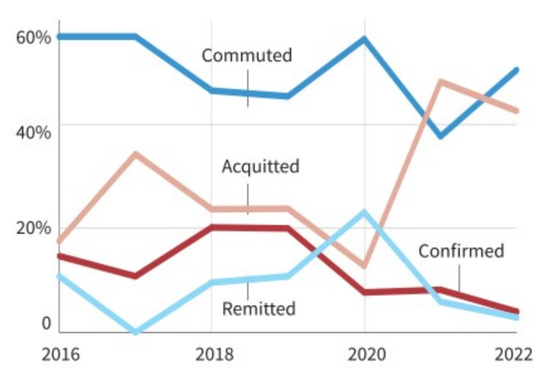

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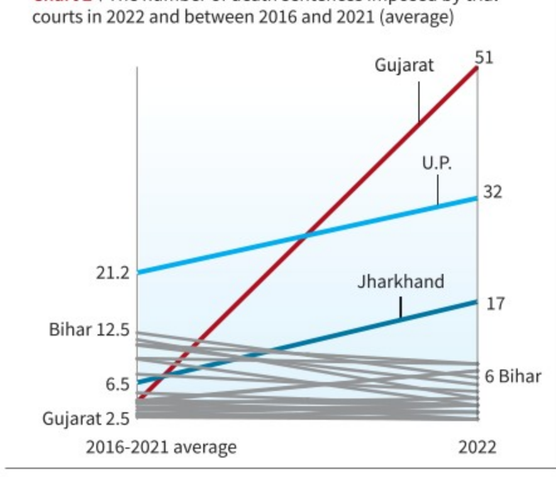

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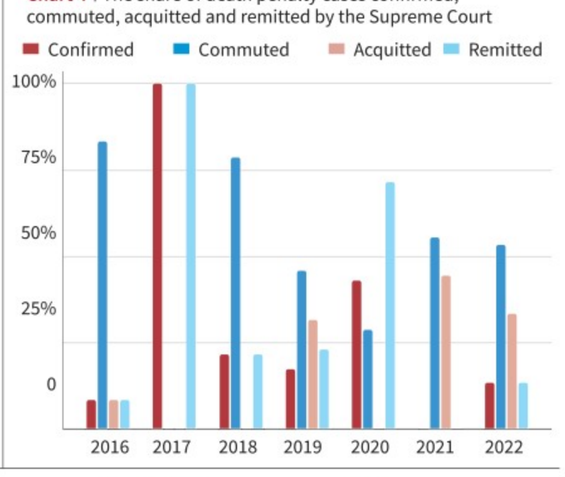

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 31, 1973

Nation pays homage to Gandhiji

New Delhi, Jan 30: The nation of Tuesday paid homage to the memory of the Father of the Nation, who fell to an assassin's bullet this day 25 years ago, and to known and unknown martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation during the Independence struggle. At the stroke of 11 people in different parts of the country stood in silence for two minutes at solemn functions. The President, Mr. V.V. Giri, was one of the earliest visitors to Rajghat here to pay floral tributes at the samadhi of the apostle of non-violence. A few hours later, Mr. Giri again visited Rajghat to place a wreath on the samadhi at a brief function at which an inter-services guard of honour presented arms. The Vice-President, Mr. G.S. Pathak, the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, her cabinet colleagues, the three service chiefs and hundreds of people attended the function. In the afternoon, a "time capsule," devoted to the life and working of Mahatma Gandhi, was embedded by the Vice-President, at Gandhi Smriti, the place where Gandhiji was assassinated. Central ministers and members of Parliament were among those present when the 200-kg capsule was lowered into a well.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 31, 1923

The Kenya elections

Delhi, Jan. 30: An important announcement regarding the postponement of general election in Kenya was made in the Assembly to-day. Mr. Hullah read a telegram on the subject received by the Government to-day from the Secretary of State for India. The telegram runs thus: The Colonial office have authorised the Governor of Kenya to make announcement in the following terms: The unavoidable delay in settling outstanding questions including that of Indian representation has made it necessary for the Secretary of State for Colonies to choose between a postponement of the general election and dissolution of the new Council after its election. In adopting the former course, the Secretary of State has been influenced by the fact that from the date of his predecessor's original attempt to secure a settlement by agreement, it has been intended that the new Constitution, should be framed in time for it to be brought into force on the occassion of the general election now due.

From Page One

Oppn. seeks answers on Adani 'stock fudge'

"It is a matter of worry for several crore people of the country who have invested their hard-earned money in LIC and SBI. And today their money is in danger. Where is CBI, ED, SEBI and Income Tax Department? You have given ₹2.5 lakh crore loan to one person. The same person is evading taxes using shell companies in tax haven countries to fraudulently increase the evaluation of his firm. How can the government remain mum?" he said.

While Trinamool's Sudip Bandopadhyay said they will have no objection if the Adani Group issue was debated, he said there was a need for debate on the "dismantling of cooperative federalism". "We categorically stated that cooperative federalism is under threat, the Government of India has imposed an economic blockade in West Bengal by stalling the release of funds for several Centrally sponsored schemes like the MGNREGA. In this Budget session, we hope that this situation is corrected," he said.

The DMK, the AAP and the BRS, echoed similar views. "Cooperative federalism is key to democracy. Why should a government have to go to court to get its work done because the Governor is constantly interfering in the matter?" BRS leader K. Keshava Rao said.

Several parties also expressed dismay at the government's decision to ban the BBC documentary. YSR Congress joined the JD(U) and the RJD in demanding a country-wide caste census.

'Adani reply ignores every key question'

The New York-based short-seller said the Adani Group had failed to specifically answer 62 of the 88 questions it had raised. It had instead "mainly grouped questions together in categories and provided generalised deflections", Hindenburg said.

"Of the few questions it did answer, its responses largely confirmed our findings, as we detail," it added, observing that crucial questions "regarding a sprawling network of offshore entities linked with Vinod Adani, elder brother of Gautam Adani, and dozens of transactions of those offshore entities with the listed companies of the Adani Group in India" remained unanswered.

Adani Group shares, with the notable exception of flagship Adani Enterprises, extended their declines on Monday, with combined market losses exceeding ₹5.56 lakh crore as investors remained unconvinced by the group's efforts to reassure them. However, Adani Enterprises, which is in the midst of ₹20,000 crore follow-on public offer, gained 4.2% to close at ₹2,878.50 on the BSE.

Modi, Shah don't know pain of violence: Rahul

Refusing an umbrella in spite of the heavy snowfall, Mr. Gandhi, who wore a Kashmiri *pheran* (coat), said he was warned of grenade attacks by security agencies but people gave him love and hugs. Prominent Opposition leaders, including former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Ministers Mehbooba Mufti (PDP), Omar Abdullah (NC), CPI general secretary D. Raja, Rajya Sabha member T. Siva (DMK), Lok Sabha member N.K. Premachandran (RSP) and VCK chief T. Thirumavalavan, attended the rally. Only eight Opposition parties, of the 23 invited, participated.

On the security threat to him, Mr. Gandhi said, "I chose to give a chance to those who wanted to turn the colour of my white T-shirt red. Instead, people of Kashmir came to me with affection and love, with tears in their eyes. People, young and old, accepted me and hugged me."

Recalling how the death of a family member was conveyed to him over the phone, Mr. Gandhi also made an appeal to put an end to violence in Kashmir. "The yatra's goal in Kashmir is also to put an end to the phone calls made to the families of victims of violence. No mother, child or sister should receive such calls," he said.

Mr. Gandhi said he felt at home in Kashmir, where *kashmiriyat*, the Hindu idea of *shoonyata* (selflessness) and the Islamic idea of *fanaa* (destruction of the self) are linked. "We have similar examples of *kashmiriyat* in the other parts of the country with different names," he added.

He reiterated that the yatra was meant for the people of the country and was an attempt to stand up against the ideology that is "out to break the foundations of this country". "If we stand with love and not hate, we will be successful. The BJP has shown us a way of living and we showed India's way of living, steeped in love, diversity, harmony and brotherhood," he added.

Channels can stagger content, says Centre

It said the time for transmission of such contents would be flexible, except that any content transmitted from midnight to 6 a.m. would not be accounted for under the public service broadcasting obligation. While voluntary compliance and self-certification would be the guiding principles, the Ministry said broadcasters would be required to submit a monthly report on the Broadcast Seva Portal on or before the seventh day of the following month.

Death penalty for convict in Gorakhnath temple case

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Lucknow on Monday awarded the death sentence to Murtaza Abbasi, who was arrested last April in connection with an attack on security personnel deployed outside the Gorakhnath temple in 2022.

Special judge Vivekanand Sharan Tripathi convicted Mr. Abbasi under Section 121 (waging or attempting to wage war against the Government of India) and Section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Mr. Abbasi, a chemical engineer by training, is a resident of Gorakhpur's Civil Lines area and worked with two prominent companies. His family members said he had been going through mental health issues since 2017 and was under treatment. The Uttar Pradesh police and the ATS, which investigated the issue, said that he had sworn allegiance to the terror organisation Ansar-ul-Tauheed in 2013; the organisation merged with the IS in 2014.

The head priest of the temple is U.P. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

SC to list on Feb. 3 petition to restrain Union govt. from 'censoring' BBC documentary

Petitioners have urged the court to quash orders directly or indirectly censoring film; right to freedom of speech and expression incorporates right to disseminate information, they said

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list on February 3 a petition seeking a direction to restrain the government from "censoring" the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) documentary titled *India: The Modi Question*.

Appearing before a Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate C.U. Singh made an oral mentioning of the petition filed by N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Publishing Group; Mahua Moitra, MP; and advocate Prashant Bhushan for early listing. The Union of India, through the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; Twitter Communications India Private Ltd.; and Google India Private Ltd. have been named respondents in the case.

"Criticism of the government or its policies or even the judgment of the Supreme Court does not tantamount to violation of sovereignty and integrity of India... All citizens, including the Press, have the fundamental right to view, form an informed opinion, critique, report on and lawfully circulate the contents of the documentary as right to freedom of speech and expression incorporates the right to receive and disseminate information," the petition said.

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> **PETITION FILED IN SUPREME COURT**

According to the plea, the Ministry, under Rule 16 (3) of the Information Technology Rules of 2021 and Section 69(A) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, on January 20 sent a legal request to Twitter India to block 50 tweets concerning, and even containing links to, the documentary. The tweets of Mr. Bhushan and Ms. Moitra were among those taken down. YouTube links of the video were blocked, the petition said.

The petitioners referred to reports of how students of the Rajasthan Central University in Ajmer were suspended for watching the film. The Jawaharlal Nehru University administration had issued an advisory to cancel a screening to maintain "peace and harmony" on the campus. They said there was news of detention of students and the presence of riot police at the Jamia Milia Islamia campus in Delhi.

The series is reported to be critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in connection with the 2002 Gujarat riots. The petition noted that Kanchan Gupta, senior adviser of the Ministry, had tweeted that the documentary was blocked on YouTube and Twitter following the orders of the Secretary of the Ministry on January 20 under emergency powers in the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021.

The petitioners urged the court to call for and quash orders directly or indirectly censoring the documentary. "The government has chosen expediency over necessity and proportionality in their response to the documentary... The contents of the BBC documentary and tweets of Moitra and Bhushan are protected under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. The contents of the documentary series do not fall under any restriction on free speech...," the petition said.

Rijiju flays plea against blocking of documentary

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday hit out at petitioners moving the Supreme Court challenging the Centre's decision to block a BBC documentary on the 2002 Gujarat riots, and said this was how "they waste precious time" of the Supreme Court.

Responding on Twitter to reports that N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Publishing Group, lawyer Prashant Bhushan and others have moved the Supreme Court challenging the Centre's decision to block the documentary, *India: The Modi Question*, Mr. Rijiju said that "this is how they waste the precious time of Hon'ble Supreme Court where thousands of common citizens are waiting and seeking dates for justice".

A Bench on Monday took note of the submissions of lawyer M.L. Sharma and senior advocate C.U. Singh, appearing for Mr. Ram and Mr. Bhushan, seeking urgent listing of their PIL petitions on the issue.

On January 21, the Centre issued orders for blocking multiple YouTube videos and posts sharing links to the documentary.

Workers' convention asks Centre to stop privatisation, warns of year-end strikes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Convention of Workers organised by 10 Central Trade Unions (CTU), and independent sectoral associations and federations here on Monday decided to hold year-long campaigns against the policies of the Centre.

The trade unions also warned of strikes in various sectors at the end of the year if the Centre continues policies of privatisation and corporatisation of public sector.

The protests will begin with State-, district- and factory-level conventions and State-wide rallies, culminating in a State-wide march on August 9, Quit India Day.

The meeting resolved to fight back labour codes, policies of privatisation of public sector undertakings (PSU), sale of national resources and assets to corporates, subjugation of the Indian economy to international capital to the detriment of Indian self-reliance, sovereignty and independence. The unions condemned the "efforts of the Centre" to defend "crony capitalists" and demanded a probe into the allegations made against the Adani Group by the Hindenburg research report.

CITU general secretary Tapan Sen addressing the National Convention of Workers on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Citing a recent Oxfam report, the union leaders cautioned against the growing disparity and inequity in the country that is making life miserable for the common masses.

It said Centre's policies have proved to be disastrous for the economy.

Russia to participate in G-20 Foreign Ministers meet

Press Trust of India
MOSCOW

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will participate in the meeting of G-20 Foreign Ministers in New Delhi on March 1 and 2, Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko said on Monday.

As part of the Group's activities, India intends to hold more than 200 meetings in 55 locations to showcase its cultural heritage, culminating in the annual G-20 summit scheduled for September 9 and 10 in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had previously said the country's G-20 presidency would be inclusive, ambitious, decisive and action-oriented. The G-20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

SC to examine pleas on electoral bond scheme today

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday is scheduled to examine whether petitions challenging the validity of the electoral bonds scheme need to be referred to a Constitution Bench.

The petitions, which have been in limbo for eight years, allege that the scheme has opened the doors for anonymous donations to political parties days before polls are due.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioner NGO Association for Democratic Reforms, has argued that amendments made via Finance Acts of 2016 and 2017, both passed as Money Bills, have through the electoral bonds scheme, "opened the floodgates to unlimited political donations".

Response received from the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) on January 27 to a Right to Information application filed by Commodore Lokesh Batra (retired) shows that electoral bonds were sold from March 2018 to December 2022 in 24 phases at a total cost of ₹10.23 crore to the taxpayer. While ₹6.74 lakh electoral bonds were printed, bonds worth ₹11,699.84 crore were sold, the RTI response showed.

The legality of the scheme and the long pendency of the case in court have come back into focus even as nine States are heading to the polls. Also in focus in the court is a challenge to a recent notification allowing the sale of electoral bonds for an additional 15 days during Assembly poll years.

Attorney-General objects to petitions in SC against States' legislation against conversion

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Attorney-General R. Venkataramani on Monday in the Supreme Court raised serious objections to petitions being filed in the Supreme Court against various States' religious conversion laws.

"These are State legislations and the State High Courts are hearing them. There are petitions pending there and the same petitioners have now filed petitions in the Supreme Court... I have serious objections to that," Mr. Venkataramani submitted before a Bench led by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud.

The government has also opposed the locus of Citizens for Justice and Peace, an NGO associated with activist Teesta Setalvad, in approaching the Supreme Court against religious conversion laws.

The Centre has also opposed an NGO approaching the SC against religious conversion laws

The NGO, represented by senior advocate C.U. Singh, has argued that these State laws amount to undue interference in a person's right of choice of faith and life partner.

Justice Chandrachud had earlier asked the petitioners to file petitions seeking to transfer their cases pending in the various High Courts to the Supreme Court for an authoritative ruling.

The case concerns anti-conversion enactments of nine States, including Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand and Karnataka.

Mr. Singh said each State's law is used by the other as a "building block" to make a more "virulent" law for itself.

The court agreed to hear all the petitions in the case on February 3.

One of the main petitions in the batch is by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, which has asked the court to declare religious conversion laws, particularly of five States, as unconstitutional, saying they bring the personal decision of an individual to adopt another faith under state scrutiny.

Probe into incidents of hate speech in Delhi 'substantially completed', top court told

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police told the Supreme Court on Monday that its investigation into hate speech incidents in the national capital have been "substantially completed".

A Bench led by the Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud gave the police three weeks to complete the probe and file a final report.

Advocate Shadan Farasat, appearing for the petitioner, Mahatma Gandhi's great-grandson Tushar Gandhi, said the police did not reveal the steps they intended to take to prevent the alleged hate offenders from doing it again.

The court asked the Delhi Police to detail the preventive measures it would have in place in such circumstances.

A Bench led by CJI gave the police three weeks to complete the probe and file a final report

The court had rapped the Delhi Police in the previous hearing after Mr. Farasat had highlighted that no chargesheets were filed though the hate speech incident had happened in Delhi way back on December 19, 2021. Even the FIR was registered only on May 4, 2022. There had been no arrests or questioning of the suspects, Mr. Farasat had submitted.

"What are you doing in terms of the investigation? The FIR (First Information Report) was only registered five months later. Eight months have passed since the registration of the FIR. There seems to be no palpable progress... Who is the investigating officer?" Chief Justice Chandrachud had asked Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj, appearing for the Delhi Police.

Mr. Farasat said there was a clear violation of the Supreme Court's direction in the Tehseen Poonawala case, in which the court had said the police should take preventive steps to stop such incidents from happening.

The hearing was based on a contempt petition filed by Mr. Gandhi against the then Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana.

Centre to roll out process to set up 16th Finance Commission soon

Finance Ministry likely to notify terms of references for the constitutional body, tasked with recommending the revenue sharing formula between the Centre and States and their distribution among States, towards the latter half of this year

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Union government will soon kick off the process to set up the 16th Finance Commission, with the Finance Ministry likely to notify the terms of references for the constitutional body, tasked with recommending the revenue sharing formula between the Centre and the States and their distribution among the States, towards the latter half of this year.

The 15th Finance Commission was set up in November 2017 with a mandate to make recommendations for the five-year period from 2020-21. While the Constitution requires a Finance Commission (FC) to be set up every five years, the 15th FC's mandate was extended by a year till 2025-26, breaking the cycle.

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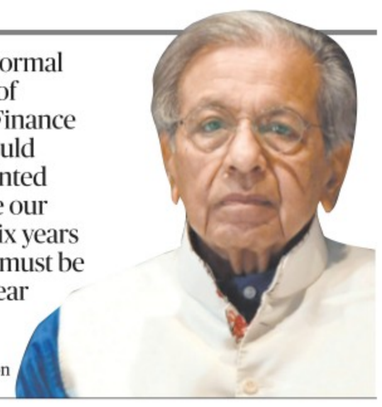
> 15th Finance Commission



"In the normal course of things, the next Finance Commission should have been appointed by now, but since our report covered six years instead of five, it must be appointed this year," the 15th FC's chairperson N.K. Singh told *The Hindu*. In late 2019, the commission was asked to give a standalone report for 2020-21 and another report for an extended five-year period till 2025-26.

The last time an FC was granted a six-year time frame was for the 9th Finance Commission, formed in June 1987. It was asked to submit a single year report for 1989-90 and a five-year report for the five years till 1994-95. These reports were submitted in 1988 and 1990, when the country's Finance Ministers were S.B. Chavan and Madhu Dandavate, respectively. The 10th Finance Commission was still constituted in June 1992 within the five-year deadline specified by Article 280 of the Constitution, which has not been the case this time.

"The commission is usually granted about two years to deliberate on its terms of reference, consult States and frame its recommendations, and the government should ideally have its report by October 2025 to consider it in time for Budget 2026-27 – where it will have to place its action taken report on the Commission's report," explained Arvind Mehta, secretary of the 15th FC.

The key challenge

A key new challenge for the 16th FC would be the coexistence of another permanent constitutional body, the GST Council, Mr. Singh pointed out, as the Council's decisions on tax rate changes could alter the revenue calculations made by the Commission for sharing fiscal resources.

"What recourse mechanism can be put in place for the Commission, which is not a permanent body, to revisit its numbers due to the Council's decisions," he underlined.

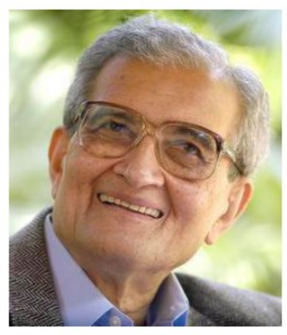
Amartya Sen is correct in his claim of property against Visva-Bharati, says Mamata

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday intervened in the ongoing row between Amartya Sen and Visva-Bharati University, and criticised the university authorities for "disrespecting" the Nobel laureate.

The Chief Minister, who visited Professor Sen's residence in Santiniketan, handed over the documents relating to the land on which his house 'Pratichi' is built.

On January 24, the university administration sent a letter to Professor Sen, stating that he had occupied 0.13 decimal more land than that was taken on lease by his forefathers. Handing over the land documents to the economist in the presence of senior district authorities, the Chief Minister said these records pointed out that Professor Sen's claim on the land that he owned – 1.38 acres – was correct, and the university authorities' claim that the land owned by him should be 1.25 acres, was false. The Chief Minister said that she had sourced the documents from the Land Records Department.



Amartya Sen

"Why such a person whose feet we want to touch is being disrespected," Ms. Banerjee asked. She told Professor Sen that the manner in which the university authorities had "addressed him" had pained every person in the State.

The Chief Minister also directed the authorities to provide Z category security to the economist. The 89-year-old economist had said that he was irritated at the attitude of the university authorities in sending him letters to return the land.

Ms. Banerjee came down heavily on the university authorities and alleged that attempts were being made to "saffronise" the Central university. The Chief Minister said that she will also hold a discussion with the students and residents of the university.

Rahul must thank PM for a peaceful J&K, says Anurag Thakur

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Monday took a swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on the concluding day of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, stating that the snowball fight between Mr. Gandhi and his sister, Priyanka Vadra, had been possible only because the Modi government withdrew the special status under Article 370 for Jammu and Kashmir.

"You saw Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi playing with snowballs in Srinagar, but they forgot to thank PM Modi," Mr. Thakur said, lauding the PM for revoking the special status given under Article 370 and 35A. "Now there is peace, and tourism has also increased," he said.

Mr. Thakur also drew attention to the fact that in January 2011, when he – as the president of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha – had set out to hoist the Tricolour at Lal Chowk in Srinagar but was prevented from doing so by the then UPA government.

The Congress had been able to hoist the Tricolour there on Sunday, he pointed out.

'Beef party in Kerala'

At a press conference at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi questioned the credentials of some participants of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"It was a politically motivated yatra. During the yatra, Congress leaders had a beef party on the roads of Kerala; pastor George Ponniah termed the land of India impure," Mr. Trivedi said.

Mehbooba, Omar pin hope on Rahul Gandhi for course correction in Kashmir

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Leaders of Jammu and Kashmir's regional parties, including the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), on Monday heaped praise on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his Bharat Jodo Yatra initiative, while several other Opposition leaders sounded hopeful about a joint front against the BJP.

Former J&K Chief Ministers Mehbooba Mufti (PDP) and Omar Abdullah (NC) shared the stage with Mr. Gandhi as his 135-day yatra saw a grand finale at the Sher-i-Kashmir stadium here. Both the leaders expressed hope that Mr. Gandhi would be able to chart an ideological course correction for J&K that was reduced to a Union Territory (UT) after the removal of its special status under Article 370 of the Constitution.

Mehbooba Mufti

Ms. Mufti said, "Rahul, you said you've come to Kashmir, your home. It's your home. I hope what the Godse ideology snatched from J&K, from this nation will be restored. Gandhiji said he can see a ray of hope in J&K. Today, the nation can see a ray of hope in Rahul Gandhi."

Mr. Abdullah said, "The nation needed this. The yatra has proven that there are people... who want harmony and want to live in peace with each other, something which the BJP can't give."

Communist Party of India general secretary D. Raja said there was now a need to carry forward the message of the yatra, with Opposition parties coming together to take on the BJP.

However, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the yatra was not for winning elections but to counter hate.

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "Earlier I wondered whether people will come out for the long march. But they came out everywhere. They came out because people of the country have a spirit for unity".

BJP will win more seats in Tripura than in 2018, says Assam CM Himanta

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday claimed the BJP would win at least five seats more in the February 16 Tripura elections than in 2018.

The BJP had won 36 of the 60 Assembly seats in Tripura five years ago.

Mr. Sarma attributed his confidence to the "reign of peace" during the BJP-led alliance government compared with the "atmosphere of fear" under the Left Front government five years ago.

"The people want this peaceful atmosphere to continue," he told pressmen in Agartala after accompanying his Tripura counterpart, Manik Saha, who filed his nomination papers for the Town Bordowali Assembly constituency.

Mr. Saha was the BJP's Rajya Sabha member before he replaced Biplab Kumar Deb as the Chief Minister in February 2022.

Meghalaya election: NPP candidate may join BJP

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The National People's Party (NPP) may soon lose one of its 58 candidates to the ally-turned-rival BJP in the February 27 Meghalaya election.

The supporters of Martin M. Danggo held a meeting on Monday and resolved to ask him to leave the NPP and contest the Ranikor seat on a BJP ticket instead. Senior BJP leader Alexander Laloo Hek confirmed the meeting.

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4. Master of Building Engineering and Management
5. Master of Design (Industrial Design)
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7. Master of Planning (Housing)
8. Master of Planning (Regional Planning)
9. Master of Planning (Transport Planning)
10. Master of Planning (Urban Planning)

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SELECTION CRITERIA :
Shortlisted/Eligible candidates will be notified on the website of SPA and they will be required to appear before the selection committee for admission for interview in person (offline mode only).
1. Performance in Qualifying Examinations;
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4. Interview
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6. Work experience, if any, after attaining the eligibility qualification.

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Eligible candidates may submit Application on Google Form through department wise link provided on School's website www.spa.ac.in **alongwith requisite self attested documents to be uploaded on the Google Form except Portfolio & Thesis. Applicant SHALL APPLY in only one course of his/her choice. Applications of Candidate in more than one course will be REJECTED.**

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR POST GRADUATE ADMISSIONS 2023-24

1	Application forms available on website of the School	Tue 31 Jan, 2023
2	Last date of receipt of applications for PG courses	Tue 28 Feb, 2023
3	Display of list of eligible candidates on SPA, New Delhi website	Sat 18 Mar, 2023
4	PG admission interviews in person (OFFLINE MODE ONLY)	Mon 27 Mar, 2023 to Fri 31 Mar, 2023
5	Display of the First Selection List on SPA, New Delhi website	Fri 14 Apr, 2023
6	Arrival of provisionally Admitted Candidates at SPA, New Delhi for Physical Documents Verification	Wed 02 Aug, 2023 to Fri 04 Aug, 2023
7	Closure of Admission	Fri 04 Aug, 2023
8	Start of Academic Session	Mon 07 Aug, 2023
9	Registration in respective Departments & Orientation Programme	Mon 07 Aug, 2023

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INBRIEF

Swadeshi Jagran Manch offers support to Adani Group

The Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM), an RSS affiliate, on Monday came forward in support of Gautam Adani. Ashwani Mahajan, co-convener of the SJM, took to Twitter to extend the organisation's support to the Adani Group and maintained that Mr. Adani is not burning cash, but building assets. He added that reports such as that of Hindenburg would not affect the broader sentiment towards India. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Mahajan said, "Hindenburg is in the business of defaming other companies in which they have business interest in short selling. Even Hindenburg was not hiding it. Also, this is not the first time they are doing it."

FIR against OBC Mahasabha for burning *Ramcharitmanas*

The Uttar Pradesh Police registered a first information report (FIR) on Monday in connection with the burning of photocopies of some pages of the *Ramcharitmanas* by the office-bearers of an organisation, the All India OBC Mahasabha, and Samajwadi Party leader Swami Prasad Maurya in Lucknow. The case was registered on the basis of a complaint of BJP leader Satnam Singh against Mahendra Pratap Yadav, Devendra Yadav, Yashpal Singh Lodhi, S.S. Yadav, Sujit, Naresh Singh, Salim and Santosh Verma, Mr. Maurya and other persons under Sections 142 (Unlawful assembly), 152 A, 295, and 298 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Pay PF, gratuity to Jet Airways employees: SC to consortium

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed an appeal by the Jalan Fritsch Consortium, the successful resolution applicant of Jet Airways Limited, against a National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) direction to pay provident fund and gratuity to former workmen and employees of the airline. A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud was not moved by the resolution applicant's submission that they would have to add another ₹200 crore to make the payment, and this would create a dent in their efforts to revive the cash-strapped airline.

G-20's EWG to discuss social issues, labour, employment

The G-20's Employment Working Group (EWG) will discuss labour, employment and social issues to develop a sustainable, balanced, inclusive and job-rich growth, Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav said here on Monday. Representatives of governments, employers and employees of the G-20 countries will attend the two-day meeting of the EWG to be held in Jodhpur from February 2 to 4. Briefing presspersons, Mr. Yadav said the importance of the EWG lies in the fact that G-20 countries represent close to 85% of the world GDP, and about two-third of the world population. The second meeting of the EWG will be held in Guwahati between April 3 and 5.

'General Assembly divided over UN reforms'

UNGA President Csaba Korosi says the reform of Security Council was a member-driven process and for that, members of the UNGA had to first come together to pass a resolution; among the 193 countries, there are five negotiating groups and they are neutralising each other

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The crucial hurdle in the way of reforming the United Nations comes from the disunited state of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), Csaba Korosi, President of the 77th UNGA, said here on Monday.

Speaking at a media stakeout, Mr. Korosi, who arrived here on Sunday on a four-day visit ahead of his trip to China, said the reform of the UN Security Council was a member-driven process and for that, the members of the UNGA had to first come together to pass a resolution demanding the reform of the Security Council.

"In order to ask the P5 or the Security Council itself to accept a proposal coming from the UN General Assembly for reform, there should be a resolution in the General Assembly. It has not happened [so far]. The General Assembly has always been very much divided. Among the 193 countries, there are five negotiating groups and they are neutralising each other," said Mr. Korosi, arguing that the functioning of the General Assembly is as much important as the permanent members of the UNSC in ensuring reform of the United Nations system.

He maintained that the permanent members were "historically not enthusiastic" about reform of the UN system, but they had all agreed that it was necessary for introducing changes in the Security Council.

He reminded that the system of veto in the Security Council is 77 years old and that it has become a tool to block the work of the global body and not to encourage it.

India's position in this regard was expressed by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during the recently held Voice of the Global South Summit when he described the UN as a "frozen 1945-invented mechanism".

Csaba Korosi

"Some powers have been singularly focused on their own advantage, to the exclusion of the well-being of the international community," Mr. Jaishankar had said, articulating India's opinion before the members of the Global South earlier this month.

Mr. Korosi said he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Jaishankar on Monday and the two sides discussed the Ukraine crisis and the reform of the UN Security Council, which had become more pertinent in view of the military action by Russia, a member of the Security Council, against Ukraine, a member-state of the UN.

"The level of strategic resonance exceeded my expectations," said Mr. Korosi, summing up his interactions with Mr. Modi, Mr. Jaishankar and Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri, who hosted him for a dinner on Sunday.

Mr. Korosi said despite demand for reforming the UN system, nothing much had been done so far. Last October, the process received a boost when he appointed two negotiators for the programme of reform – Permanent Representatives Tareq M.A.M. Albanai of Kuwait and Michal Mlynar of Slovakia – to look after the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) as co-chairs.

The IGN is the team that is looking after the issue of UN reform. Mr. Korosi said the two co-chairs were about to start wider consultations.

Upon taking charge as the President of the UNGA, Mr. Korosi had promised to kick-start the process of UN reforms.

India's key role

The visiting dignitary said India had played a vital role in the past years in improving the response mechanism of the United Nations.

"India has done a lot," said Mr. Korosi, highlighting India's contribution in stabilising the world which had been shaken by pandemic and war in recent years and invited India to become "very active" in all the negotiating tracks that were currently under way in the United Nations.

In the context of the Ukraine crisis and other hotspots in the world, he said the UN could play a role in prisoner swap and in facilitating ceasefire between warring sides.

He highlighted the humanitarian crisis that has become intense over the year-long crisis in Ukraine.

He said the UN was focused on handling the humanitarian fallout as nearly 35% of global agricultural supplies were hit by the war in Ukraine.

"There should be a ceasefire," said Mr. Korosi regarding the lingering war between Russia and Ukraine.

In response to a question from presspersons about China's role in blocking India's anti-terror campaign at the UNSC and tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), Mr. Korosi said, "All conflicts must be resolved by peaceful manners."

Police officer who shot dead Odisha Minister arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

The team seized one 9 mm pistol, three rounds of live ammunition and a mobile handset from Gopal Krushna Das

Gopal Krushna Das, assistant sub-inspector of police who shot dead Odisha Health and Family Welfare Minister on Sunday, was formally arrested and dismissed from service on Monday.

A Crime Branch team of the police comprising top officials intensified its interrogation of Mr. Das to ascertain the motive behind the murder.

He was taken to Sundargarh, 40 km from Brajarajnagar, to keep him safe from irate supporters of the Minister.

According to a statement issued by the Crime Branch, scientific and ballistic experts from the State Forensic Science Laboratory are camping at Brajarajnagar for investigation.

The team seized one 9 mm pistol, three rounds of live ammunition and a mobile phone of the accused. The firearms and ammunition will be sent for ballistic examination.

The police record is being examined as to when the revolver was issued to the shooter.

Mr. Das is under police custody and his case will be taken up in the court for further police remand, the Crime Branch said.

On Sunday, a team of doctors of Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar conducted a post-mortem of the Minister in the presence of Crime Branch officials. The entire process was video-graphed.

Good career record

According to the Jharsuguda district police, Mr. Das had a good career record and won various police medals for his performance.

The police authorities, however, did not provide any detail about his mental health condition.

Mr. Das was undergoing treatment for manic depressive disorder. A Berhampur-based psychiatrist confirmed that the police officer was under his care.

Naba Das cremated with state honours, thousands pay respects to Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

Thousands of mourners paid their respects to former Odisha Health and Family Welfare Minister Naba Kishore Das, who was shot dead by a policeman on Sunday, before his mortal remains were consigned to flames with full state honour in Jharsuguda district on Monday.

In grief: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik condoles with the family members of Naba Kishore Das in Bhubaneswar on Monday.

Before the body was flown to Jharsuguda, political leaders cutting across party lines, including Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, paid homage to the departed soul in Bhubaneswar.

The demise of Das brought to an end the career of a successful politician, who rose through the ranks from student politics in the State, leaving an imprint on each field.

The Odisha Chief Minister publicly acknowledged it saying, "He was an asset for both the government and the party. He has successfully carried out many initiatives in the Health Department for the benefit of the people."

"As a leader, he was instrumental in strengthening Biju Janata Dal [BJD]. He was a grassroots person and was loved and respected by all, cutting across parties and sections of people. His death is a great loss to the State of Odisha," Mr. Patnaik said.

Das was born on January 7, 1962 in Sambalpur district. His family owned a transport business. However, he took a liking for politics. In 1983, he lost the student union election to the post of general secretary in Gangadhar Meher College, Sambalpur. It did not dissuade him. For the next decade, the former Minister controlled student politics in Sambalpur district. In 2004, he first fought as a Congress candidate for Jharsuguda Assembly seat against former Speaker late Kishore Mohanty. Das lost the election. He came back strongly to win the seat in the 2009 and 2014 elections.

However, just before the 2019 election, he severed his three-decade-long association with the Congress and joined the BJD and won the Jharsuguda Assembly seat again.

Upon his victory from Jharsuguda, he was made a Cabinet Minister with the portfolio of Health and Family Welfare. He was resourceful in fundraising. Political commentators are of the view that his death is a big loss to the BJD ahead of the 2024 election.

CRPF, Punjab Regiment win award for R-Day Parade

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Punjab Regiment Centre contingent was declared the best marching contingent among the three Services at this year's Republic Day Parade (RDP), while the Indian Air Force (IAF) won the first slot in the online public poll conducted by MyGov.

From among Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and auxiliary forces, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was named the best marching contingent under both categories, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Monday.

The Uttarakhand tableau, based on Manaskhand, was adjudged the best State/Union Territory tableau by a panel of judges, while Gujarat's on clean-green energy efficiency won the first spot in the online public poll conducted by MyGov, the Ministry said in a statement, declaring the results for the best marching contingents and tableau. These included separate results – one by a panel of judges and other through an online public vote by MyGov.

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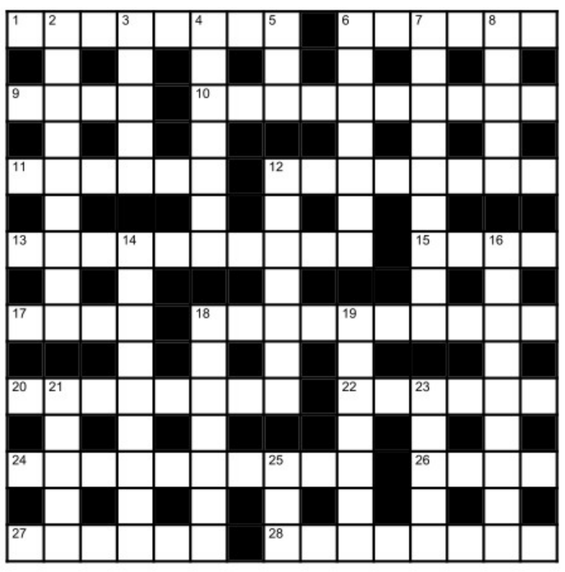

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1 "Fabric is certainly from Germany" — king, maybe while clothing queen (8)
6 After backing explosive claims, Gujarat's leader has a problem (6)
9 Recess on the counter in office space (4)
10 Article with murky origins leads to speculation (10)
11 Desperately tries to chase married man (6)
12 Garbage recycled, say, after moving to small waste bins (8)
13 Dr. X's Y? That's it! (3,2,5)
15 Hollow, easily forgotten past promise (4)
17 Labour blocks its second candidate's aspiration (4)
18 Get rid of water, honey, urn, myrrh (items devotees originally used during worship) (10)
20 Korean vote surprisingly expresses no new change in leadership (8)
22 Warden and Woburn, for example, getting bowled for fifty twice in back streets (6)
24 Engineer random changes in parent note (10)
26 A bit of nerve, taking clothes off in taxi in use! (4)
27 Go through dessert, skipping one staple food item (6)
28 Screamed after suppressing a cry of anguish and turned pale (8)

Down

2 Can I mash in fruit blender? (9)
3 Seeking technique studied secretly (5)
4 Habits of extremely affluent bores (7)
5 Prescribed food, not timepass! (3)
6 Sensual and without reservations when out of India, husband moves lower (7)
7 "Angry Birds" — nice, impressively written (9)
8 Penny perhaps king's taken from fool (5)
12 A different one, found in America, not here (7)
14 Regularly worn hot Nehru cap of officials (2,3,4)
16 New gas masks gain approval for military manoeuvre (2-3,4)
18 Married woman had to stray (7)
19 Foul-smelling salami that's spoiled after a month (7)
21 Asian jazz genre — it's covered frequently (5)
23 A couple of slices of bread, and eggs over well done (5)
25 Period and comma, say, basically? (3)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	3	1	8	4	5	2	9	6
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FAITH

The right time for devotion

Some people may be of the thought that they are preoccupied with too many things and do not have time to devote for devotion. Some others may opine that it is for the later stage of their life. Which time is apt to start and practice? Sri Andal had shown to us by practising at a young age. Anything learned while young will last long lingering ever in our mind. Lightning emerges in a flash, lasts for few seconds and disappears. Our life is like that, spanning only for a short time. So elders din into us to start practising the same at an early age. Azhwars have taken extensive efforts through hundreds of hymns to explain the greatness and importance of devotion and the same is exhibited by Sri Andal through just 30 poems in Tiruppavai. Initially we will be yearning towards Him but as we develop our devotion more and more, God will be yearning towards us, said Sri Parasara Badri Bhattar Swamy in a discourse.

Like the rain making a parched land cool, chanting of His namas will give solace to our dried heart. Not only cleaning the temple premises, offering fruits, flowers and ornaments but also reaching out to as many people carrying the message of Godly deeds and His qualities are considered as godly service.

It is better to worship God and undertake the divine service along with Bhagavathas rather than doing alone, which is considered a deceitful one. Sri Andal quotes this in thirteenth pasuram "*Kallam Thavirndu Kalandhelore embhavai*". An Apostle asked whether Srirangam is your permanent abode, Lord Ranganatha replied that it is temporary and said only the heart of His devotees is permanent.

BEIRUT

10 killed in drone strikes on pro-Iran factions in eastern Syria

AFP

A total of 10 people were killed in a series of drone strikes targeting pro-Iran factions in eastern Syria. These include three deaths in strikes on Monday, a war monitor said. A pro-Iran commander was among the three killed in the strikes, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. AFP

LAHORE

Imran Khan to contest all 33 Parliament seats in byelections

AFP

Former Pakistan PM Imran Khan will contest all 33 National Assembly seats in the byelections to be held on March 16, his party has announced. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) vice-chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi said on Sunday the decision was taken during the party's core committee meeting held in Lahore. PTI

GENEVA

COVID-19 pandemic is still an international emergency: WHO

REUTERS

Three years to the day after the World Health Organization (WHO) sounded the highest level of global alert over COVID-19, it said on Monday that the pandemic remains an international emergency. The UN health agency's emergency committee on COVID-19 met on last Friday for a 14th time since the start of the crisis. AFP

WARSAW

Poland boosts defence spending in the wake of Ukraine-Russia war

REUTERS

Poland announced an increase in defence spending on Monday, with PM Mateusz Morawiecki saying the nation needed to arm itself "faster" in light of Russia's war in Ukraine. The defence budget will amount to 4% of GDP this year, the PM said. Parliament approved the budget, which has yet to be signed by the President. AFP

Blinken appeals for peace as violence soars in West Bank

Shortly before the U.S. Secretary of State's arrival, Israeli forces killed a man in the flashpoint city of Hebron, bringing the toll of Palestinians killed in January to 35; U.S. wants 'de-escalation of tensions'

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

U.S. Ambassador to Israel Thomas Nides (centre right) welcomes U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Israel on Monday. AP

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged Israel and the Palestinians on Monday to ease tensions amid a spike in violence that has put the region on edge. The bloodshed has alarmed the Biden administration as it attempts to find common ground with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's new right-wing government.

Speaking on his arrival at Israel's international airport near Tel Aviv, Mr. Blinken said he had come at "a pivotal moment" and condemned Palestinian attacks that have targeted Israeli citizens but also called for restraint in response, saying all civilian casualties are deplorable. "To take an innocent life in an act of terrorism is always a heinous crime but to target people outside their place of worship is especially shocking," he said, referring to an attack on Friday that killed seven people, many of whom were leaving a Jerusalem synagogue.

"We condemn all those who celebrate these and any other acts of terrorism that take civilian lives no matter who the victim is or what they believe. Calls for vengeance against more innocent victims are not the answer. And acts of retaliatory violence against civilians are never justified."

The latest spate of violence erupted last week with an Israeli military raid on a militant stronghold in the West Bank city of Jenin that killed 10 people, most of them militants, followed by the shooting in an east Jerusalem Jewish settlement that killed seven Israelis.

Mr. Blinken said it is imperative for both sides to work to de-escalate tensions that have soared since last week in what he called "a new and horrifying surge in violence" that has prompted severe responses from each.

"It is the responsibility of everyone to takes steps to calm tensions, rather to inflame them," he said, "That is the only way to halt the rising tide of violence that has taken too many lives, too many Israelis, too many Palestinians.

On Monday, shortly before Mr. Blinken's arrival, the Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces killed a Palestinian man in the flashpoint city of Hebron, bringing the toll of Palestinians killed in January to 35.

Bilawal says diplomacy will solve conflict in Ukraine

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD/MOSCOW

Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Monday hoped that Russia's "strong tradition of diplomacy" would help Moscow achieve a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine conflict, and highlighted the economic consequences of the war faced by developing countries.

Mr. Bilawal is aiming to bolster economic and bilateral ties with Russia and seek discounted oil. He made these comments after meeting his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov. He exuded hope that Russia's "strong tradition of diplomacy would help achieve the peaceful resolution of the conflict," the Associated Press of Pakistan reported from Moscow.

Johnson says Putin made missile strike threat at him

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Former U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has claimed President Vladimir Putin threatened to target him with a missile attack before ordering Russian forces into Ukraine.

The apparent threat - denied by the Kremlin - came in a telephone call just ahead of the February 24 invasion, according to a BBC documentary to be broadcast on Monday.

Mr. Johnson and other Western leaders had been hurrying to Kyiv to show support for Ukraine and try to deter a Russian attack. "He sort of threatened me at one point and said, 'Boris, I don't want to hurt you, but with a missile, it would only take a minute', or something like that," Mr. Johnson quoted Putin as saying.

Boris Johnson

The Kremlin on Monday, however, dismissed the accusation as a "lie".

"What Mr. Johnson said is not true. More precisely, it's a lie," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"Moreover, this is either a conscious lie – then you need to ask Mr. Johnson for what purpose he chose this version of events – or it was unintentional and in fact he didn't understand what President Putin was talking to him about."

Mr. Johnson emerged as one of the most impassioned Western backers of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

But prior to the invasion, he says he told Mr. Putin that there was no imminent prospect of Ukraine joining NATO, while warning him that any invasion would mean "more NATO, not less NATO" on Russia's borders.

"He said, 'Boris, you say that Ukraine is not going to join NATO any time soon.

"'What is any time soon?' And I said, 'well it's not going to join NATO for the foreseeable future. You know that perfectly well'."

On the missile threat, Mr. Johnson added: "I think from the very relaxed tone that he was taking, the sort of air of detachment that he seemed to have, he was just playing along with my attempts to get him to negotiate."

Turkey Opposition to field joint candidate

Agence France-Presse
ANKARA

Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Turkey's Opposition vowed on Monday to crimp the President's powers and expand democratic rights, as it unveiled its long-awaited platform for the May 14 presidential and legislative polls.

The six parties united against President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also pledged to agree on a joint candidate in the crucial vote on February 13.

The Opposition's 2,300-point programme aims to roll back many of the powers Mr. Erdogan has amassed over his two-decade rule.

"We will shift to a strengthened parliamentary system," the programme says. "We will put an end to the president's power to issue decrees."

Memphis case: sixth police officer relieved

Associated Press
MEMPHIS

A sixth Memphis Police Department officer has been disciplined for his involvement in the brutal beating and arrest of Tyre Nichols, a department spokeswoman said on Monday.

Officer Preston Hemphill was relieved of duty shortly after the January 7 arrest of Nichols, who died three days later at a hospital, Memphis police spokeswoman Karen Rudolph said. Ms. Rudolph said information on disciplinary action taken against Hemphill was not immediately released because Hemphill was not fired and the department typically releases information about officers who are relieved of duty after an investigation ends.

Nichols' family and others were awaiting word of additional disciplinary action against officers who were at the scene but have not been fired or charged.

A purported video footage released on Friday showed five police officers using a stun gun, a baton and their fists as they pummelled Nichols during the arrest on January 7 after he was pulled over on suspicion of reckless driving.

China's Sichuan to scrap three-child limit

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Southwest China's Sichuan province will lift its three-child birth limit and remove restrictions on single parents as the world's most populous nation faces a looming demographic crisis. China's population shrank last year for the first time in more than six decades, official data released this month showed, and the nation of 1.4 billion has seen birth rates plunge to record lows as its workforce ages.

China ended its strict "one-child policy" - imposed in the 1980s out of fears of overpopulation - in 2016 and began allowing couples to have three children in 2021. But that has failed to reverse the demographic decline.

Falling birth rates

Faced with falling birth rates, authorities in Sichuan on Monday said they would remove the limit on the number of children a family can have and lift a ban on single women registering a birth. The Sichuan Provincial Health Commission said the new rules would take effect on February 15.

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INBRIEF

GAIL Q3 net plunges on woes in petrochem, gas marketing

State gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd. reported a 90% drop in December quarter net profit after it suffered losses in petrochemical and natural gas marketing business. The company reported a consolidated net profit of ₹397.59 crore in the October-December quarter as compared with ₹3,800.09 crore net profit it earned in the year-earlier period, according to a filing. Revenue from operations rose to ₹35,939.96 crore from ₹26,175.60 crore a year earlier. PTI

BPCL Q3 net profit declines 31% on stagnant retail prices

Indian oil marketing company Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd. reported a 31% fall in quarterly profit, hurt by losses due to stagnant pump prices. The company's standalone net profit dropped to ₹19.60 billion in the third quarter ended December 31, from ₹28.28 billion a year earlier. The oil marketing companies were hurt by retail prices that have remained static since April, 2022. Bharat Petroleum's revenue grew 13.7% to ₹1.33 trillion in the latest quarter. REUTERS

Indian refiner MRPL swings to Q3 loss on windfall tax, costs

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL) swung to a third-quarter loss from a year-earlier profit, hurt by the government's windfall tax on some fuel exports and a surge in the cost of materials consumed. The refiner reported a net loss of ₹1.88 billion for the quarter ended December 31, compared with a profit of ₹5.86 billion a year earlier. Cost of materials consumed surged 32.2% to ₹244.95 billion. REUTERS

'LIC's exposure to Adani Group is under 1% of AUM'

Presently, there is a situation that's emerging, we are not sure what the factual position is, says LIC MD Raj Kumar, adding 'as we are a large investor, we have the right to ask relevant questions'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Monday said its exposure to the Adani Group was less than 1% of the total assets under management (AUM) at book value.

"With the total AUM at more than ₹41.66 lakh crore as on September 30, 2022, the exposure in the Adani Group, as on date, is 0.975% of the AUM at book value," LIC said in a statement. The insurer finds itself in the eye of a storm after Hindenburg Research recently flagged concerns about the substantial debt of the Adani Group.

"There is a situation that's emerging and we are not sure what is the factual position ... Since we are a large investor, we have the right to ask relevant questions and we will definitely engage with them," LIC MD Raj Kumar told Reuters.

LIC said its total holding under equity and debt in the Adani Group as on December 31 was ₹35,917.31 crore. The total purchase value of equity, bought over the last many years, in the group's firms was ₹30,127 crore.

The market value for the same, as on January 27, was ₹56,142 crore, it said.

(With Reuters inputs)

Seeking clarity

LIC finds itself in the eye of a storm after Hindenburg flagged accounting concerns regarding the Adani Group

- LIC said it had invested ₹36,474.78 crore in the Adani Group as on date
- Total purchase value of equity in Adani companies, bought over many years, was ₹30,127 crore
- Market value for the above equity, as on January 27, stood at ₹56,142 crore, the insurer said

PNB exposure to the Adani Group totals ₹70 bn: MD

Reuters
MUMBAI

Punjab National Bank has a total exposure of ₹70 billion to the Adani Group, but there is currently no worry pertaining to those accounts, the lender's MD and CEO Atul Kumar Goel told reporters at a virtual press conference after the company's quarterly results on Monday.

"Whatever exposure we are having is backed by cash flow." However, the bank was keeping a "close eye" on the developments pertaining to the news flow around Hindenburg's research report, he added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,500	0.29
US Dollar	81.65	-0.07
Gold	56,880	0.07
Brent oil	86.28	---

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2892.85	131.40
Adani Ports	597.00	0.05
Apollo Hosp	4237.70	-6.45
Asian Paints	2766.20	43.55
Axis Bank	871.85	-1.90
Bajaj Auto	3841.15	-95.60
Bajaj Finserv	1343.85	29.65
Bajaj Finance	6021.80	261.10
Bharti Airtel	770.20	-4.30
BPCL	335.10	-1.45
Britannia Ind	4406.75	26.35
Cipla	1034.40	-12.85
Coal India	225.85	3.45
Divis Lab	3366.40	-21.05
Dr Reddys Lab	4328.80	14.80
Eicher Motors	3191.45	21.70
Grasim Ind	1598.60	20.15
HCL Tech	1134.75	19.15
HDFC	2648.20	-13.30
HDFC Bank	1614.15	-1.65
HDFC Life	587.95	0.25
Hero MotoCorp	2702.30	-33.85
Hindalco	472.35	-6.65
Hind Unilever	2568.15	-44.00
ICICI Bank	823.50	6.30
IndusInd Bank	1089.05	-27.35
Infosys	1538.80	19.65
ITC	344.80	-1.20
JSW Steel	701.70	-19.65
Kotak Bank	1726.25	13.15
L&T	2112.90	-46.95
M&M	1331.60	11.40
Maruti Suzuki	8817.00	79.50
NestleIndia	19165.90	-50.45
NTPC	168.85	2.55
ONGC	144.90	-2.75
PowerGrid Corp	211.85	-7.40
Reliance Ind	2359.75	22.40
SBI Life	1233.45	-16.80
State Bank	538.20	-1.75
Sun Pharma	1051.70	8.30
TataConsumerProduct	735.65	0.40
Tata Motors	443.65	-1.95
Tata Steel	118.75	-1.90
TCS	3433.65	22.60
Tech Mahindra	1036.10	6.00
Titan	2335.55	4.30
UltraTech Cement	6887.70	172.10
UPL	745.15	0.45
Wipro	402.25	4.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 30

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.30	81.62
Euro	88.59	88.94
British Pound	100.71	101.11
Japanese Yen (100)	62.47	62.72
Chinese Yuan	12.05	12.10
Swiss Franc	88.35	88.70
Singapore Dollar	61.94	62.19
Canadian Dollar	60.98	61.22
Malaysian Ringitt	19.18	19.25
Australian Dollar	57.55	57.78

Source:Indian Bank

L&T Q3 net increases 24% to ₹2,553 cr. as revenue climbs

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (L&T) reported third-quarter consolidated net profit rose 24% to ₹2,552.93 crore from the year earlier period on higher revenue.

The profit after tax includes an exceptional gain of ₹97 crore due to profit on divestment of the mutual fund business of the financial services segment.

"The recurring PAT for the quarter at ₹2,456 crore evidenced an increase of 20% as compared to the PAT of ₹2,055 crore for the corresponding quarter of the previous year," the company said in a filing.

"L&T performed well in the business and strategy front. In the third quarter there was a stellar performance," said R. Shankar Raman, whole time director and CFO, L&T.

"Order book at ₹3.86 trillion is at an all-time high and gives multiyear revenue visibility," said CEO & MD S. N. Subrahmanyan.

Capex revival

"With the revival of private capex investments, India should witness a multi-year capex cycle in the current decade, which augurs well for us."

Consolidated revenue of ₹46,390 crore represented grew 17%, aided by improved execution in the infrastructure projects segment and continued growth momentum in the IT & TS portfolio.

Abu Dhabi's IHC plans to invest $381 mn in Adani Enterprises

Reuters
DUBAI

Abu Dhabi conglomerate International Holding Company on Monday said it would invest 1.4 billion dirhams ($381.17 million) in Adani Enterprises' follow-on public offer.

IHC's statement comes as the Indian company, owned by Asia's richest man, Gautam Adani, has faced losses of $65 billion in its group companies' market value after Adani's rebuttal of a U.S. short-seller's criticism failed to pacify investors. "Our interest in Adani Group is driven by our confidence and belief in the fundamentals of Adani Enterprises Ltd.; we see a strong potential for growth from a long-term perspective and added value to our shareholders," IHC CEO Syed Basar Shueb said in a statement.

IHC says its interest is driven by its confidence, belief in the fundamentals of Adani Enterprises

Quantum set to unveil high-speed e-scooter

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Hyderabad-based electric vehicle firm Quantum Energy will introduce its maiden high-speed electric scooter Plasma by March and e-motorbike by the year end, director Prakash R. K. Chukkapalli said.

"Right now, we are making three variants of electric two-wheeler with the help of Korean and Chinese technologies" he said. The firm has a manufacturing facility and R&D Centre in Hyderabad. Currently, it can make 5,000 EVs a month which would be doubled by March 2024.

The number of sales outlets would touch 100 by March from the present 73.

India said to use emergency law to lift coal power output

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India plans to use an emergency law next month to force power plants that run on imported coal to maximise output, two government sources told Reuters on Monday, in preparation for expected record consumption this summer.

Many Indian coal-fired plants, including those those owned by Adani Power and Tata Power in India's western Gujarat state, have not operated at full capacity in the recent years because they have found it difficult to compete with power generated from cheap domestic coal.

Federal power ministry officials will work with

those involved in debt restructuring of financially stressed power plants to make them functional, they said. The Ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

India expects its power plants to burn 8% more coal in FY24 with higher economic activity and erratic weather continuing to boost demand for power.

Laurus Labs net surged 31% in Q3 to ₹203.6 crore

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Drugmaker Laurus Labs reported consolidated net profit for the quarter ended December increased more than 31%, year-on-year to ₹203.6 crore.

The higher net profit came on an almost 50% increase in the total income to ₹1,546.25 crore.

A strong performance in CDMO-synthesis and other APIs drove the performance as well as helped more than compensate for the overall drag in ARVs revenues, the company said.

"The results reflects sustained business momentum across our key growth drivers," founder and CEO Satyanarayana Chava said.

'Boeing sources $1 bn worth of manufacturing, software and services from India'

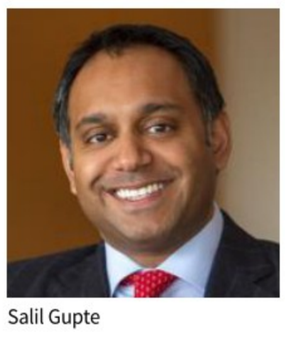
Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

India's manufacturing capability has 'truly transformed in the last 10 years' and the country has been trying to catch up quickly with other geographies that have been on manufacturing journey over the last 50 years, said Boeing India president Salil Gupte.

"India, the third-largest civil aviation market in the world, is a market like no other... [with] possibilities like no other," he said.

'Manufacturing is 66%'

Boeing India currently helps its parent firm source supplies worth $1 billion per year from the South



Salil Gupte

Asian country, of which 66% is manufacturing and the remaining pertains to software and services.

"The vast majority of our sourcing is now manufacturing, which has been growing fourfold in the last six years, and the country is now fast catching up with the rest of the world in manufacturing," Mr. Gupte explained.

India's aerospace exports were expected to cross $5 billion by 2025, from $1.5 billion now.

Boeing has more than 300 suppliers, including 70 MSMEs, in India while it has in excess of 20,000 suppliers globally.

'Rationalise taxes'

To a query on the industry's expectation from the upcoming Budget, Mr. Gupte said if the government helped rationalise taxation around MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) services and aviation fuel, India would be the 'best place' for the aerospace sector.

Tech M net profit slid 5% to ₹1,297 cr. in third quarter

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

IT company Tech Mahindra on Monday posted a 5% decline in the consolidated profit after tax to ₹1,297 crore in the December quarter.

"We are witnessing moderation in growth given the tough macro economic environment.

"We will continue to work with our customers to pre-empt their technological requirements and identify new demand drivers, especially for digital services," Tech Mahindra MD and CEO Officer C. P. Gurnani said. Consolidated revenue from operations, however, rose by about 20% to ₹13,734.6 crore.

'Infrastructure capex likely to continue, small tweaks can make a big impact'

BUDGET FOCUS

Arindam Guha

Capital expenditure (capex) on infrastructure is likely to continue in the upcoming Union Budget for 2023-24 but small tweaks could make a big impact to the larger infrastructure ecosystem, effectively supplementing government budgetary support.

The role of infrastructure investments as an effective catalyst for inclusive economic growth and increased competitiveness of the economy through reduced logistics costs is well established. Since the introduction of the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) in 2020, Government of India (GoI) spending on capital expenditure has shown a steady increase across subsequent budgets. The trend was particularly accentuated in Budget 2022-23 where a 35% year-on-year (yoy) increase in capex to ₹7.5 Lakh crore was envisaged. The key contributing sectors included roads and highways (₹1.87 lakh crore), railways (₹1.37 lakh crore), urban development (₹75,000 crore) and rural water and sanitation (₹67,000 crore).

Actual capex during April-September 2022 has been about ₹3.43 lakh crore, translating to an increase of 50% yoy.

It is expected that GoI will maintain and even marginally increase capex levels in Budget 2023-24. However, given the need to manage fiscal deficits and the likely continued high outlays on subsidy for food and fertilisers, basic income support etc., we do not expect the capex increase in Budget 2023-24 to be as significant as last year.

The other important point to consider is that GoI budgetary spending is estimated to account for only about 30% of annual infrastructure investments, with State Governments (20%), banks and NBFCs (15%) and private sector investments (20-25%) being other key contributors. Hence, for overall capex on infrastructure to be sustained, it becomes important for the forthcoming Budget to provide broad-based support across the different financier categories.

To begin with, the GoI needs to bolster support to State Governments for

Arindam Guha

their capex on infrastructure.

Support for State capex

State Governments too are facing significant fiscal pressures and to enable them to maintain capex levels, GoI can consider extending the scheme for "Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment" for 2023-24 with an increase in outlay.

Also, to encourage State participation in monetisation of existing infrastructure assets, GoI may consider setting up dedicated asset monetisation funds at regional / State level with initial capital contribution by the Central and State Governments. This capital can be leveraged to raise additional resources from development organisations, not-for-profits etc. for buying out / warehousing operating infrastructure assets from individual State Government departments / agencies for subsequent monetisation. Suitable income and investment related concessions can be extended to such funds for the initial period.

Another area needing attention is asset backed securities (ABS) on the back of securitised bank and NBFC infrastructure loans.

ABS route

Outstanding infrastructure loans were estimated at more than ₹20 lakh crore as at end FY22.

In Budget 2023-24, GoI may consider providing for initial capital to set up a national level mechanism for (a) purchasing infrastructure loan portfolios from banks and NBFCs, and (b) packaging the purchased loans into ABS with differing seniority / risk levels as well as varying tenures, for offering to institutional investors through private placement. The proposed facility would effectively function as take-out financing for banks and NBFCs and help attract additional funding through ABS.

Countries like Singapore have benefitted from similar structures.

Credit enhancement

A single-window credit enhancement facility for infrastructure PPPs will also give a big fillip.

While there already exist credit guarantee facilities for infrastructure projects, the corpus is inadequate vis-à-vis annual infrastructure PPP project investments. The Budget may consider providing the initial capital for setting up a national level single-window facility for extending credit guarantee to eligible GoI infrastructure PPP projects. The guarantee should ideally cover all regulatory and contractual risks including delayed approvals. Operationalising such a facility is likely to facilitate availability of long-term financing for project developers at reduced costs. Credit guarantees are also likely to lead to improved credit rating for projects, opening up long term investment options from domestic pension funds, insurance companies, etc. which have to meet minimum credit rating thresholds.

Similar models have been successfully leveraged in the European Union and Indonesia.

The above measures can help build a sustainable ecosystem for developing and financing critical infrastructure projects and effectively supplement GoI annual budgetary support.

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Coach Graham Reid, two others resign after World Cup debacle

All three will serve their notice period at the national camp in Bengaluru next month; the players and team management met federation officials ahead of the final on Sunday to understand the side's performance and the way ahead

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

A day after the Hockey World Cup came to an end with Germany crowned champion, the Indian team parted ways with its coach and support staff.

The murmurs had begun long before the three foreign staffers – chief coach Graham Reid, analytical coach Gregg Clark and scientific advisor Mitchell Pemberton – officially submitted their resignations to Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey on Monday morning.

The players and team management had met federation officials ahead of the final on Sunday to understand the team's performance and the way ahead. All three will be serving their notice period over the next month at the national camp in Bengaluru scheduled from the 12th.

Change of guard: India's disappointing ninth place finish, the worst ever by a host nation, had triggered demands for an overhaul starting with Graham Reid's position as chief coach. BISWARANJAN ROUT

India's disappointing ninth place finish, the worst ever by a host nation, had triggered demands for an overhaul. And sources confirmed that a decision on the trio's future had been conveyed to them last week, allowing them an honourable exit instead of being sacked.

In fact, it is learnt that both the team and management were clearly conveyed that anyone who wished to leave was free to do so before the federation sat down for a detailed review.

Australian Reid, a protege of Ric Charlesworth, had been appointed in April 2019 as Harendra Singh's successor, four months after the latter's dismissal following India's quarterfinal loss in the 2018 World Cup.

Even back then, he was considered a good people manager as an assistant coach but with concerns on his tactical nous when in charge.

His biggest achievement undoubtedly was the Olympic bronze at Tokyo. As coach, Reid had a 49-21 win-loss record with 13 draws.

"It is now time for me to step aside and hand over the reins to the next management. It has been an honour and privilege to work with the team and Hockey India and I have enjoyed every moment of this epic journey. I wish the team all the very best," Reid said in a statement released by HI.

With the Asian Games and direct qualification for the Paris Olympics just over seven months away, HI would need to act fast to get their replacements.

Success mantra: Vijay's body balance and the ability to play with a still head off either foot paid dividends. He also displayed poise while dealing with short deliveries.
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Deepti. AFP

Deepti shines, India thumps West Indies by eight wickets

Press Trust of India
EAST LONDON

Deepti Sharma emerged as the star performer as India tuned up for the women's T20 tri-series final with a dominating eight-wicket win over the West Indies in an inconsequential match here on Monday.

If the bowlers, led by Deepti (3/11), put up a clinical show to restrict the West Indies to 94 for six, Jemimah Rodrigues (42 not out) and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (32 not out) produced an attacking batting display as India chased down the modest target in 13.5 overs.

For West Indies, Hayley Matthews (34) was the only batter who put up a fight but she didn't get any support from the other end.

India will face host South Africa in the final on February 2.

The scores:
West Indies 94/6 in 20 overs (Hayley Matthews 34, Deepti Sharma 3/11) lost to India 95/2 in 13.5 overs (Jemimah Rodrigues 42 n.o., Harmanpreet Kaur 32 n.o.). India won by eight wickets with 37 balls to spare.
PoM: Deepti.

Lucknow pitch under scrutiny; a shocker, says Hardik

NZ IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal
LUCKNOW

The pitch used for the second T20I between India and New Zealand here has come under scrutiny, with India skipper Hardik Pandya describing it as a "shocker".

The surface at Lucknow provided sharp turn and spongy bounce from start to finish, resulting in a low-scoring affair. New Zealand crawled to 99 for eight, and the Indians had a similarly tough time, reaching the small target with only a ball to spare. "To be honest, this was a shocker of a wicket," Hardik told the host broadcaster.

Unpredictable: Hardik seems to be asking Suryakumar, left, whether he has any idea how the ball will behave. V.V. KRISHNAN

Not suited for T20s

The captain was also unhappy with the pitch used in the first T20I, at Ranchi. "The kind of wickets we played the two games on... I don't mind difficult wickets. I'm all for that, but these wickets are not made for T20s. Somewhere down the line, the curator or stadium, wherever we play T20s, they should make sure they prepare the game (pitch) previously rather than having a couple of games there," Pandya said.

That the pitch would assist spin became clear as early as in the second over of the match, when off-spinner Washington Sundar was introduced into the attack. This explained why India used four slow bowlers – Washington, Yuzvendra Chahal, Deepak Hooda and Kuldeep Yadav.

Pacers Arshdeep Singh and Shivam Mavi got the ball almost as an afterthought, late in the Kiwi essay.

"Even 120 could have been a winning total. After I bowled the first over, when Washy (Washington) bowled, it was a clear sign that this wicket would help spinners. That's why we made sure we kept rotating the spinners, and we made sure that the batters did not get set," Hardik said.

Test of skill

New Zealand off-spinner Michael Bracewell had a different take on the Lucknow pitch, saying it provided a welcome test of skill.

"I think it was cool to play on a different wicket. If you play on a wicket that's flat all the time, then you don't get a true test of your skill. Playing on a variety of wickets around the world is a positive thing.

"India were just too good today on a wicket that probably suited their style of play. The Indian players have obviously grown up playing in these conditions. We can't complain; it's exciting to try and figure out a way to play on these wickets," Bracewell said.

Shafali sets her sights on replicating the success with senior women's team

WOMEN'S U-19 T20 WC

Press Trust of India
POTCHEFSTROOM

Not content with the women's Under-19 T20 World Cup triumph, Shafali Verma has set her sights on replicating the success with the senior women's team in less than two weeks' time.

She will get her chance when the Women's T20 World Cup gets underway on February 10 in South Africa.

"I am someone who focuses on the task at hand. When I entered the Under-19s, I only focused on winning the Under-19 Cup and we have won that today (Sunday). I will look to take this winning confidence with me and win the senior World Cup. I will try and forget this and get involved with the senior setup and gel with the team and win the World Cup," she was quoted by ICC.

The harbinger: Shafali believes the U-19 World Cup victory is just the precursor to the 'Big One'. GETTY IMAGES

Vijay calls time on his international career

CRICKET

S. Dinakar
CHENNAI

He was a rebel who left home in his formative years to find answers to the turbulent questions his mind asked. During that period he slept on pavements in the parks and made his money as a hustler in snooker parlours.

He has come a long way from those searching times. Now Murali Vijay has called time on his international career with 3982 runs, with 12 hundreds, in 61 Tests at 38.28.

Vijay's international journey

	M	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg.	SR	100s/50s
Tests	61	105	3982	167	38.28	46.29	12/15
ODIs	17	16	339	72	21.18	66.99	0/1
T20Is	9	9	169	48	18.77	109.74	0/0

Respect and dignity

No batter from Tamil Nadu has made more runs. And he departs with his respect and dignity intact.

In a statement on Monday, Vijay said, "My journey from 2002-2018 has been the most wonderful years of my life for it was an honour representing India at the highest level of sport."

He thanked the BCCI, the TNCA, Chennai Super Kings and Chemplast Sanmar for their support.

To comprehend Vijay you need to travel to his early days when he flunked the 12th standard exams. A 'bad boy' he had to change eight schools before reaching 12th

He said to *The Hindu* in an interview, "If you set a wild dog into the open, it will run to search for its freedom. It was like that for me."

Vijay revealed, "I wanted to find myself, what I was made of, what I wanted in life."

He hated school. "My mind was always on the ground, outside the walls of my classroom."

Cricket was his freedom. It challenged him. Even after becoming an established India player, he would practise for hours in the Chemplast nets under his coach G. Jayakumar.

His technical purity as an opener stemmed from that quest for perfection.

Brilliance at 'Gabba

The images of him fighting fire flash before mind's eye.

Day one of 2014 Test on a fresh 'Gabba pitch at Brisbane, the hot bed for pacemen. Vijay counter-attacked the short pitched fliers with cuts and pulls. When the ball was pitched up, he cover-drove and flicked gloriously, It was a blood and guts 144.

His sound back-foot play his strength, Vijay made 482 runs at 60.25 in that series down under.

In England earlier, he 'played and left' with great judgement around off-stump, countering the swing of Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad, to notch up a highly creditable 402 runs in five Tests at 40.20.

The secret of Vijay's success was his body balance, the straight back-swing and the ability to play with a still head off either foot.

Vijay, the rebel, found his answer in cricket.

Well-rounded Karnataka takes on Uttarakhand for a place in the semifinals

The prolific Mayank has led the eight-time champion from the front; the visitors have two battle-hardened players in Jiwanjot and Tare

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Karnataka's recent returns in the Ranji Trophy doesn't quite befit a side with a rich and storied history. An eight-time champion and a six-time runner-up, Karnataka hasn't made it past the semifinals since the title-winning effort in 2014-15.

It is this anomaly that the Mayank Agarwal-led outfit is seeking to correct this campaign, and the first test in that pursuit will come with the quarterfinal against Uttarakhand that gets underway at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium from Tuesday.

"Honestly, if you look at us this season, we are playing a different brand of cricket," said Mayank, on match-eve.

Getting ready: Karnataka skipper Mayank, Padikkal and others go through their practice routine on Monday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

"We are not focussing or thinking too much about what has happened in the past. If we continue to play how we have been playing, we will fare really well."

Mayank has walked the talk, scoring 603 runs from 10 innings this season to emerge the top-scorer for his team. Batters R. Samarth, Manish Pandey and Nikin Jose have ably assisted the skipper, while Devdutt Padikkal's 114 against Jharkhand in the last game is another shot in the arm.

The bowling exploits of K. Gowtham, V. Koushik, V. Vyshak and Vidwath Kaverappa, and the all-round performances of Shreyas Gopal have ensured that Karnataka has all bases covered. In fact, Karnataka's 35 points in the group stage were the most for any team.

No pushover

But Uttarakhand is no pushover, something that it proved by qualifying from Elite Group 'A' (with 29 points) ahead of fancied sides such as Baroda, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. In captain Jiwanjot Singh and Aditya Tare, Uttarakhand has two battle-hardened players who can be effective guiding lights.

A newbie in India's premier First Class competition, having made its debut only in 2018-19, Uttarakhand has now made back-to-back quarterfinals.

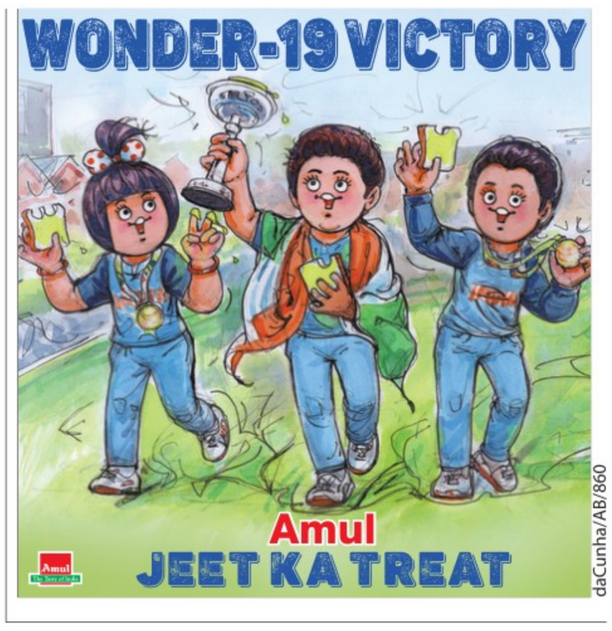
In its first-ever match against Karnataka it will hope to make another splash.

The squads (from): Mayank Agarwal (Capt.), R. Samarth, Devdutt Padikkal, Nikin Jose, Manish Pandey, K.V. Siddharth, B.R. Sharath, Sharath Srinivas, K. Gowtham, Shreyas Gopal, Shubhang Hegde, Vidwath Kaverappa, V. Koushik, V. Vyshak, M. Venkatesh.

Uttarakhand: Jiwanjot Singh (Capt.), Aryan Sharma, Avneesh Sudha, Himanshu Bisht, Kunal Chandela, Deepak Dhapola, Priyanshu Khanduri, Akash Madhwal, Mayank Mishra, Dikshanshu Negi, Abhay Negi, Rajan Kumar, Akhil Rawat, Swapnil Singh, Aditya Tare, Agrim Tiwari.

RANJI QUARTERFINAL LINE-UP

Bengal vs. Jharkhand (Kolkata); Saurashtra vs. Punjab (Rajkot); Karnataka vs. Uttarakhand (Bengaluru); Madhya Pradesh vs. Andhra (Indore).



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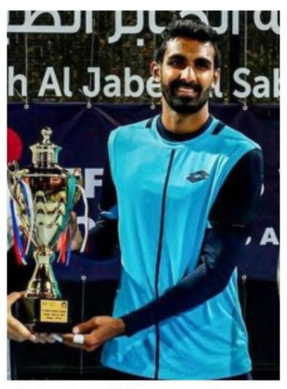

Prajnesh with his reward. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Prajnesh wins title in Kuwait

Sports Bureau

Prajnesh Gunneswaran beat Khumoyun Sultanov of Uzbekistan 6-2, 7-6(5) in the final of the $25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Al Zahra, Kuwait, on Sunday.

It was the 11th title, and the first in five years, in the professional circuit for Prajnesh who had won two $150,000 Challengers in 2018 in Bengaluru and Anning.

"It is a great feeling to win the title. Winning is a good habit, and one has to fight for it", said Prajnesh, who dropped just one set in the whole tournament.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

BFC appoints Roca as Technical Consultant and Caldeira as Director of Football

Bengaluru FC (BFC), on Monday, announced the appointments of Albert Roca as Technical Consultant and Darren Caldeira as Director of Football. Roca was a former coach at BFC (2016-2018) and Caldeira, a midfielder who spent three seasons with the club (2013-2015, 16-17). The duo will take immediate charge.

Spaniard Roca spent two successful seasons as coach, leading the team to the AFC Cup final and the Federation Cup title. Caldeira was part of the club's first-ever squad in 2013, that won the I-League on debut. He was also part of the side that won the Federation Cup the following season. In his new role, the 35-year-old will oversee recruitment and football development at Bengaluru FC.

Shivu hits 416 n.o. as Giridhanva School posts humongous win

M. Shivu scored a gargantuan quadruple century (416 n.o.) as Giridhanva School hammered Jain International Residential School by 414 runs in the BTR Shield under-14 (Group I) second division tournament.

The scores: Giridhanva School 595/4 in 50 overs (Adithya Mayur 60, M. Shivu 416 n.o.) bt Jain International RS 181 in 40.3 overs (Swarup Jayannthilal Jain 28, Chheda Dev Jigar 49, K. Gagan Sai 3/33, Rohit Sai Ketireddi 3/38).

St. Paul's English School 268/7 in 43 overs (Brahmanya Theertha R. Kuber 150 n.o., H.S. Aditya 40) bt Vidyaniketan, CBSE 153 in 33.1 overs (Adarsh Shenoy 4/20, Faiz Ul Haq 3/13).

Sri RV School, Kolar 108 in 28.4 overs (S.M. Rakshith Gowda 47, Suddhashil Chakraborty 3/35, Sunny Kanchi 7/30) lost to St. Francis School, ICSE 111/5 in 22.4 overs (Satayiu Chakraborty 29 n.o.).

Presidency School, Nandini Layout 213 in 46.5 overs (G. Ananthjit Hariharan 30, Aryan Kavan Gowda 45, Saharsh R. Shetty 37, Gundala Santhosh 5/26, Hem Kamlesh Kalariya 3/27) lost to BGS International Residential School 214/5 in 38.2 overs (Gundala Santhosh 81, Nimish Nagaraj 54, Saharsh R. Shetty 3/45).

St. Joseph's Ind Primary School 131 in 45.1 overs (G. Pranav 39, R. Vishesh Rama 50, M. Thaman Sai Paarth Madan 3/30) lost to Vidyashilp Academy 138/1 in 27.4 overs (Panshul Sharma 58 n.o., K.C. Abhay Surya 38 n.o.).

M. Shivu (Giridhanva School, 416 n.o.)

Bethany HS 264/8 in 50 overs (Vrrisan Jaiswal 96, N.J. Hemanth 36, Arjun Balu 3/39) bt Florence PS 141 in 41.1 overs (K. Vaishnav 35, Arjun Balu 26, N.J. Hemanth 5/33).

Venus IS 84 in 22.4 overs (Rishi Jain 26 n.o., P. Navadeep 3/19) lost to Kensri School 85/3 in 8.5 overs (S. Shashank 34, C.S. Dushyanth 34 n.o.).

Clarence PS 127 in 25.5 overs (V. Sai Janesh 39, Skanda 4/22) tied with Little Flower PS 127 in 28.3 overs (A. Rishik 54, Aniketh Kaushik Kundapur 4/37).

Sri Kumaran Children's Academy 194/7 in 50 overs (Prateek Raj Harapanahalli 51, G. Sai Vignesh 31 n.o., Pratham Shankar 3/7) lost to St. Joseph's Indian HS 195 for no loss in 30.1 overs (H.D. Prajwal Gowda 121 n.o., P. Chiranth 44 n.o.).

KLE Society's School 164 in 46.5 overs (B.G. Rakshith Surya 26, Chandan Harish 3/23) lost to Baldwin BHS 168/2 in 23.3 overs (R. Sherwin 25, Chandan Harish 107 n.o.).

Ashwini's Sports Foundation's school track & field championships and hockey selection trials

Ashwini's Sports Foundation announced a School Track & Field Championships (U-12, 14, 16) and Hockey Selection Trials (U-14, 16) on February 7 at the ASF / KALS Arena in Kaikeri, Gonikoppal. Registrations close on February 4. Contact: kals.school@yahoo.in / 9567746443 (athletics) / 9980523443 (hockey).

Trials to select senior State women's hockey team on Feb. 4

Hockey Karnataka will conduct trials on February 4 at the Hockey Stadium in Shantinagar (10 a.m. onwards) to select the senior women's team for the Nationals to be held at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh from February 15 to 26.

Babu does the 'trick as Young Star HC routs HMT

Babu scored a hat-trick as Young Star HC, Raichur defeated HMT 7-3 in the KSHA A-division hockey league, here on Monday.

The results: Young Star HC, Raichur 7 (Babu 6, 9, 22, Ramakrishna 12, Mohd Talib 15, Harish 28, Deepak 50) bt HMT 3 (Teswin 20, Shabari 35, Parthan 39).

Karnataka Forest Department 2 (Abhishek 3, Bijwad 24) bt Guru HC 1 (Ranjit Chand 27).

INBRIEF

Khawaja bags inaugural Test Player of the Year award

Australia opening batter Usman Khawaja capped his second comeback as a Test opener by claiming the inaugural Shane Warne Award as the men's Test player of the year in the Australian Cricket Awards on Monday. Named in honour of the legendary leg-spinner Shane Warne, Khawaja polled 22 votes to win ahead of Marnus Labuschagne (20) and Steve Smith (16). Khawaja was a heavy favourite for the award after a prolific 12 months that saw him score 1,020 runs in the voting period, at an average of 78.46.

Bihar proves too strong for Manipur in Ranji Plate final

Bihar thrashed Manipur by 220 runs in the Plate Group final of the Ranji Trophy in Patna on Sunday. Chasing a mammoth 545-run target, Manipur was bowled out for 324 with captain Langlonyamba Meitan Keishangbam scoring 117. Nawaz Khan picked up five for 95 after taking five for 82 in the first innings. Bihar's Sakibul Gani was declared Player-of-the-Match for his 205 in the first innings. Bihar and Manipur will be promoted to the Elite division next season.

The scores: Bihar 546 & 335 bt Manipur 337 & 324.

Sport For All comes on board as KIYG sponsor

Sports For All (SFA), a multi-sport tech driven platform, has joined Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) as sponsor for the next five years. Through this strategic partnership, SFA will invest ₹12.5 crore over the next five years. Khelo India was introduced by the government to build a strong framework for all sports played at the grassroots in India and establish the country as a sporting superpower.

Reigning Beauty obliges in the Wolf777 Plate (Div. I)

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer L. D'Silva's Reigning Beauty, ridden by A. Sandesh, won the Wolf777 Plate (Div. I), the chief event of Monday's (Jan. 30) races. The winner is owned by Mr. Tinder Singh Alhuwalia.

1. GENTLEMANS DEAL PLATE (DIV. I): PINATUBO (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Classical Music (Gaurav Singh) 2, Saint Emilion (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Fresh Hope (Shivansh) 4. 1-1/4, 1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 13.52s. ₹25 (w), 12, 13 and 18 (p). SHP: 34, THP: 45, SHW: 16 and 15, FP: 92, Q: 46, Tanala: 641. Favourite: Pinatubo. Owner: Mr. Suchit Jayraj Shah. Trainer: Jasbir Singh.

2. WOLF777 PLATE (DIV. I): REIGNING BEAUTY (A. Sandesh) 1, Bold Beauty (Santosh Raj) 2, Cold Pistol (G. Naresh) 3 and Alcahol Free (Ashad Asbar) 4. 3/4, 1-1/2 and 2-1/4. 1m, 7.73s. ₹13 (w), 10, 13 and 15 (p). SHP: 22, THP: 42, SHW: 10 and 15, FP: 27, Q: 26, Tanala: 90. Favourite: Reigning Beauty. Owner: Mr. Tinder Singh Ahluwalia. Trainer: L. D'Silva.

3. ASTANA PLATE (DIV. I): HIGH REWARD (Md. Ekram Alam) 1, Picture Me (A.A. Vikrant) 2, Inderdhabnush (Md. Ismail) 3 and Mr. Perfect (Mohit Singh) 4. 1/2, 1/2 and Nk. 1m, 6.79s. ₹22 (w), 11, 12 and 34 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 80, SHW: 12 and 16, FP: 38, Q: 23, Tanala: 466. Favourite: High Reward. Owner: Mr. Murugappan Alagappa. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

4. WOLF777 PLATE (DIV. II): FARA (Ashad Asbar) 1, Warwick (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Queen Empress (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Barchetta (Gaurav Singh) 4. 1, 4-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 7.31s. ₹23 (w), 11, 11 and 11 (p). SHP: 27, THP: 35, SHW: 13 and 13, FP: 51, Q: 22, Tanala: 124. Favourite: Fara. Owner & Trainer: Mr. M. Srinivas Reddy.

NOTE: *Commanding Knight (Santosh Raj up) shifted out alarmingly near 300m and dislodged the rider. Santosh Raj was taken to the Hospital for further treatment.*

5. FIRE ARCH PLATE: SHOW ME YOUR WALK (Ajay Kumar) 1, Painted Apache (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Southern Act (Md. Ismail) 3 and Indian King (B. Nikhil) 4. 3-3/4, Nose and Shd. 1m, 25.93s. ₹30 (w), 12, 14 and 46 (p). SHP: 32, THP: 158, SHW: 20 and 16, FP: 75, Q: 46, Tanala: 923. Favourite: Char Ek Char. Owner: Mr. Syed Mohiuddin Mufeed. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

6. ASTANA PLATE (DIV. II): STOIC HERO (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Happy Go Lucky (Ashad Asbar) 2, Sound Echo (Kuldeep S) 3 and Sally (Shivansh) 4. Hd, 2-1/2 and 1. 1m, 6.50s. ₹25 (w), 14, 20 and 32 (p). SHP: 55, THP: 108, SHW: 28 and 32, FP: 167, Q: 95, Tanala: 1,235. Favourite: Stoic Hero. Owner: Mr. K. Mallikarjuna Rao. Trainer: Ananta Vatsalya.

7. ASMANGADH FORT PLATE: GOOD TIDINGS (Mohit Singh) 1, Life Is Good (Md. Ismail) 2, Silver Lining (S. Saqlain) 3 and Good Day (Surya Prakash) 4. Not run: Shubhrak and Honourable Lady. 2-1/2, 1-1/4 and 3. 1m, 28.70s. ₹84 (w), 18, 11 and 14 (p). SHP: 37, THP: 48, SHW: 40 and 15, FP: 404, Q: 127, Tanala: 1,073. Favourite: Life Is Good. Owners: Mr. Syed Shah Faisal Hassan & Mr. Mirza Ayub Baig. Trainer: S.S.F. Hassan.

8. GENTLEMANS DEAL PLATE (DIV. II): BLACK EAGLE (A. Sandesh) 1, Plethora (Nakhat Singh) 2, Divine Destiny (Surya Prakash) 3 and Eastern Blaze (Shivansh) 4. Not run: Life's Living. 7-1/4, 1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m, 12.81s. ₹12 (w), 10, 18 and 34 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 64, SHW: 11 and 31, FP: 37, Q: 32, Tanala: 287. Favourite: Black Eagle. Owners: Mr. Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Mrs. Behroze Z. Poonawalla, Mr. Yohan Z. Poonawlla, Mrs. Michelle Y. Poonawlla, Ms. Delna Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Simone Poonawalla Pandole and Mr. Rishad N. Pandole rep. Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Chadurangа Kanthraj Urs. Trainer: M. Srinivas Reddy.

9. BLUE ICE PLATE: BLAST IN CLASS (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Sorry Darling (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Sweet Melody (Aneel) 3 and Gusty Note (Sonu Kumar) 4. Nk, 2-1/4 and 2-3/4. 1m, 13.93s. ₹17 (w), 12, 19 and 29 (p). SHP: 61, THP: 72, SHW: 14 and 42, FP: 105, Q: 78, Tanala: 985. Favourite: Blast In Class. Owners: Mr. K.S.V. Prasad Raju, Mr. Narendra Vithaldas Shah, Mr. Giri Prathamesh Mahadev & Mr. Mohit Jaju. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.

Jackpot: (i): 70%: ₹2,877 (42 tkts.) & 30%: 224 (231 tkts.); (ii): 70%: 3,016 (110 tkts.) & 30%: 399 (356 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i): 889 (64 tkts.), (ii): 1,082 (72 tkts.).

Treble: (i): 106 (238 tkts.), (ii): 378 (101 tkts.), (iii): 428 (148 tkts.).

Sociedad holds Real to a damaging draw

EURO LEAGUES

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Real Sociedad goalkeeper Alex Remiro made a string of fine saves to frustrate Real Madrid in a 0-0 draw on Sunday, leaving Barcelona five points clear at the top of LaLiga.

After the Catalans beat Girona on Saturday Madrid needed to win to stay three points behind its rivals in the title race, but Remiro ensured otherwise, keeping third-place La Real on the champions' tail.

Vinicius Junior had three good chances repelled by Remiro among other Madrid chances, as Carlo Ancelotti's side sparkled but failed to find the goal their performance deserved.

AC Milan was humbled 5-2 at home by lowly Sassuolo in the Serie A on Sunday, suffering a fourth defeat in five matches to pile pressure on manager Stefano Pioli.

The Italian champion is fourth in the standings with 38 points while Sassuolo is 16th.

Star performance: Sociedad's 'keeper Remiro blocks Vinicius Jr.'s effort for Real Madrid. AP

The results: LaLiga: Real Valladolid 1 (Larin 90) bt Valencia 0; Osasuna 0 lsot to Atletico Madrid 1 (Saul 74); Celta Vigo 1 (Aspas 71) bt Athletic Bilbao 0; Real Madrid 0 drew with Real Sociedad 0.

Serie A: AC Milan 2 (Giroud 24, Origi 81) lost to Sassuolo 5 (Defrel 19, Frattesi 21, Berardi 30, Lauriente 48-pen, Henrique 79); Juventus 0 lost to Monza 2 (Ciurria 18, Mota 39).

Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen 0 lost to Borussia Dortmund 2 (Adeyemi 33, Tapsoba 53-og).

On Saturday: Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 1 (Sane 34) drew with Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Muani 69); Freiburg 3 (Gregoritsch 13, Hoeller 30, Lienhart 85) bt Augsburg 1 (Berisha 29-pen); Hertha Berlin 0 lost to Union Berlin 2 (Doekhi 44, Seguin 67).

Serie A: Atalanta 2 (Maehle 42, Lookman 57) bt Sampdoria 0; Cremonese 1 (Okereke 11) lost to Inter Milan 2 (Martinez 21, 65).

Jonatan Christie, An Se-young win Indonesia Masters titles

World No. 3 and home hero Jonatan Christie secured his first Indonesia Masters title on Sunday, as South Korean star An Se-young roared back to win her second women's championship in Jakarta. Christie dispatched unseeded compatriot Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo 21-15, 21-13, while World No. 2 An made a stunning comeback to beat Spain's three-time World champion Carolina Marin 18-21, 21-18, 21-13.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

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